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MECHANICAL BANK COLLECTORS CONVENTION

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John Bull's Money Box
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—Griffith Collection
Preacher In Pulpit
Clown Bank

-Roup Collection

A rather unique event, at least for sume of the mechanical bank collectors, occurred on Saturday, September 27, 1988, in Rhode Island. This occasion was the first general get together of a group of the mechanical bank collectors and the sponsor of the event was the Antique Bank Collectors of Rhode Island, a collectors club that was established in 1951.

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A number of the collectors, including the writer, who came from distant points arrived on Friday night and stayed at the Bob Bean Mistel in Wickford, R. I. This turned out to be a very pleasant spot to stay and on Saturday morning there was a good deal of activity among the collectors present, exchanging ideas, getting acquainted, and so on.

The schedule for the day and evening was an active one and execptionally well planned and organized by E. T. Richards, the President of the Antique Bank Collectors of Rhode Island. The first event on the agenda was a social hour held at "Hedganow," the very attactive and spacious home of the E. T. Richards in Feace Dale, Rhode Island, They have a fine representation of the properties of the respective of the properties of the representation of the properties of the representation of the properties of the representation of

After the social hour the group gathered in the main

sitting room and Mark Haher gave a talk entitled "Mechanical Bank Prices,—Past, Present and Future." He which offered much food for thought. Everyone found his talk stimulating and an interesting question and answer period followed.

Several collectors had been asked to bring some favores and a chain of the affair, and affar of rare bank or two with them to the affair, and affar and explained these banks. The banks certainly bear mention since they were a very interesting and important part of the activity. William Boup brought along his rare Preacher in the Publit, Clown Bank, and the Presto. M. C. Manlove had his Red Riding Hood with him, and this is the finest specimen of this bank the writer has seen to date. Two rare pattern banks, the Wishbone Bank and Aunt Dima and the Fairy, were a couple of ravorites that L. G. Hegarty picked out for the occasion. The writer brought three banks from his collection, The Did Woman in the Shee, Jonah and the Whale Jonah Emergee), and John Buil's Money Box. Norman O. Aless the second of the sec

Some of the leading dealers in mechanical banks attended the meeting and they brought along various banks to sell. The dealers exhibiting banks were: Frank Ball, Mark Haber, and David Hollander. This, of course was another feature that added interest to the affair. George Bauer was also in attendance and he mot only deals in mechanical banks but is also well known for his excellent repair work.

After the activities held in the Richard's home the meeting was resumed at the Larchwood Inn in Wakefield, R. I. Here the first item on the agenda consisted of a cocktail hour followed by the evening session. An size dinner started the session and favors were provided for everyone attending. The men received clever barber pole banks and the ladies received either a cat or a dog bank and in all casses each bank had a plastic plaque identifying it with the convention. In the private dining room where the dinner and meeting was held Hubert B. Whiting had a display of some of the still benkli from his collection. Outstanding were the Seal, the Rilinoceros, the Three Monkeys, the Bull and Bear, and a number of other fine rarties.

After the becurse the speaker of the evening was the price I be spike on mechanical banks in general and on recents, fakes and reproductions in particular. A question and answer period was held after the writer's talk and this brought out many interesting discussions. After this a business meeting was held wherein the foundation was set up for a mechanical bank collectors club on a national scale. A board of directors was established and tentative plans were made to hold the next convention in Pittsburgh, Pa., probably seem etime in Septem-

Following is a list of people who attended this first general convention of the mechanical bank collectors:

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crets within their guilds.

Much of the above was copied from
German records and had been trans-

lated by my wife and myself.

One of the reasons we give you so much about the Germans is that they much about the Germans is that they seemed to be the only ones that went into the addition of automatons as well as musical instruments at an early age. The French were great with their automatons from the beginning of the 17th century while the English made mostly plain clocks with striking mechanisms. These striking mechanisms in all the earlier clocks were of course a part of the fore-runners of the automatic musical instruments.

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Evaluating and Selling Coins

By CHARLES FRENCH

How can you sell your coins? That is a question very frequently asked. What you have, values, type, condition, decides the answer. If you have just a few pieces, as many do, consisting of a few worn United States coins of minor denominations, and perhaps a few foreign minor coins, put away because they looked unusual, or "left over" small change musual, or "left over" small change to read the state of the coincident of the How can you sell your coins? face

face.

If you have a few unusual coins, possibly scarce or even rare, there are books to give you an idea what they are worth. But to determine the exact amount, an expert must inspect them to rate them as to condition. Publications attempt to give you this information, but account of the property of the property of the promotion of the property of

curate classification takes years of experience. You cannot expect to be accurate in your grading if inexperienced. It the therefore necessary to take your coins to someone who is qualified to grade them accurately. If you attempt to grade them you may under-rate, which lowers the value you should receive, or over-rate in which case a possible sale will fall through. through.

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What actually determines coin val-What actually determines coin values? Auction records of actual sales, printed price lists issued by dealers, advertisements of coins for sale, and prices actually offered by dealers in search of certain items. These govern what the Handbook will have listed therein these should you got

What percentage should you get for your coins? That depends on what you have. Most dealers are agreeable to purchase coins at from 20% to 30% under the actual selling price, not always the catalog value. price, not always the catalog value. This percentage is their gross profit on the transaction. It is fair, and they are entitled to it. It must be remembered that a retail store expects 40% and more off of retail selling prices as their gross profit. What the actual selling price is has to be decided by either the dealer purchasing or a disinterested appraisance. purchasing or a disinterested appraiser. Appraisers are entitled to a fee, this is usually a lump sum of 5% of the valuation. To use the services of an appraiser is not customary unless the collection is very choice and of considerable value. The honesty and integrity of a dealer will have to be accepted for small collections or just a few pieces.

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By CHARLES FRENCH

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Question:

Enclosed is a pencil rubbing of two coins I cannot identify. Can you help me? The top one is badly worn, the front is a man's head with a "A" in front of the head and an R at the back of the head.
—Mrs. D. S. T., Michigan

Your small coin is of questionable value, as I cannot read your pencil rubbing. It is probably of Spanish origin.

The larger coin is worth about 25c. It is from Venezuela.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Please send me the value of these Please send me the value of these four coins and any information about them you can from the rubbings and description. The first two are Indian Head pennies, 1898 and 1903. The third says VITTORIO EMANUELE II RE D' ITALIA around the edge and has a large head in the middle. The other side, which did not come has a wreath around the edge. The wreath does not join at the top and in the space there is a star. At the in the space there is a star. At the bottom of the wreath there is a small M. Inside the wreath it says 10 CENTESIMI 1862. The fourth coin is rather worn. In the center is a circle with a smaller circle in it. In the small circle are printed the words WE ARE ONE. A design that looks like a chain encircles the larger of the two circles. On the larger of the two circles. On the it is a sun with many rays. Underneath the dial is some writing which is unintelligible. On one side of the dial is the word FUGIO and on the other is a date, which "I think is 178 something." At the top of the coin through. Any information will be through. Any information will be a circle with a smaller circle in it. through. Any interest through through. Any information will be

Your Indian Head cents in the condition indicated retail for 10c each, the Italian 10c centesimo piece at 5c. The latter coin is a badly worn Co-lonial cent known as a Fugio Cent, in its condition it would be worth no more than 25c.

-C. F., New York

Question:

I have three U.S. pennies that I am curious about. The first is a 1900 Indian Head, mint condition, showing a head and a tail on both sides of the coin. The second is a Lincoln Head, mint condition, and the date has the last digit missing, showing only the 195-. The third is an Indian Head 1863, in fine condition. The back side inside the wreath has lettering, NOT ONE CENT. I would like to know if there is any value to any of these coins.

—A. M., Massachusetts

The first piece seems to be a mint error and if so would be worth around 50c; the second is a mint error that is fairly common being worth around 25c. The third coin is a Civil War token worth about 15c.

—C. F., New York

Ouestion

I would greatly appreciate evaluation of some of my coins.

—Mrs. L. G. McG., Mississippi

Answer:

Your coins are worth: 1829 half, fine condition, dealers buy at \$1, sell at \$1.75. \$2.50 1854, fine condition, buy \$10, sell \$14. \$2.50 1925, fine condition, buy \$7, sell \$9.

—C. F., New York

Ouestion

Please tell me what this coin is?
Also its value, if any. It has no mint date. Also, what is the exchange on a "shilling" in American mone? I have a 1943 Australian shilling.

J. B., Minnesota

Answer:

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-C. F., New York

Question

Please help me identify enclosed

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is marked half penny. —E. F. F., Pennsylvania

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-C. F., New York

Question

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Answer:

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The Lion Hunter Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

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shoot the lion.

The bank was designed and patented by C. A. Bailey, August 22, 1911. In this case Bailey covered the bank by a design patent and he claimed coverage for the ornamental designing of the bank itself. It is a large size bank and quite attractive and showy. There has always existed some conjectures as to whether

or not the figure of the hunter represented Teddy Roosevelt. It is well to mention that Bailey also patented and designed the well known Teddy and the Bear Bank and the figure of the hunter on this bank does, of course, represent Teddy Roosevelt. As to the figure on the Lion Hunter, As to the figure on the Lion Hunter, and the tendent of the Lion Hunter Bank furnished by Bailey to the Patent Office it was not his intention that the figure of the Lion Hunter Bank furnished by Bailey to the Patent Office it was not his intention that the figure of the hunter represent Roosevelt, In any bank by the design patent and it was put into production and manufactured by the J. & E. Stevens Com-

pany of Cromwell, Connecticut.

The bank shown is in just about as fine condition as it is possible to find a bank. It has been in the writer's collection for some years and was obtained from an antique dealer in New England. The paint and decorative effects are in excellent condition. For one thing the rock-like formations on the bank still have the original mice or silica like finish the original mice of the paint of the condition. For one thing the paint of the condition of the paint of the condition of the paint of the pa





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gun has a maroon butt and his hands and face are flesh toned. The lion is brown and his open red mouth dis-plays large white teeth. The bank, while not bright as to coloring, is actually a very showy handsome piece and, as mentioned before, quite re-

The action of the bank is rather The action of the bank is rather clever. The shooting device on the barrel of the gun is pulled back and cocked into position. In so doing the hunter's head snaps into aiming position. A coin is then placed on the barrel of the pulled by the barrel of th back and the coin is fired toward the lion. The lion in turn rears back on his haunches and the coin is deflected into the receptacle which is lo-cated under the lion. Upon releasing the lever the lion returns to the position shown in the picture. The gun is so constructed that a paper cap may be used in the operation, thus providing a realistic noise to accom-

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Numismatics

The Coin Market

By CHARLES FRENCH

Latest hints on the coin market indicate that, contrary to many opinions, interest in rolls or recent uncirculated coins remains very strong. In our last auction we offered 174 rolls of the scarce 1950D Jefferson nickels in uncirculated condition.

Many wondered if such a quantity of the same item would not break the market. It did not, and all of these rolls were bought for around \$25 to \$31 per roll. These could move up into much higher ground in the

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Rolls of coins, particularly Lincoln cents in the Thirties and as several as 1944, sold at top prices as 1944, sold at top prices as 1944, sold at top prices as 1944, sold at top price as 1944, sold and to price realized for almost 40 rolls of 1951S uncircularly to the price as 1944, sold as 1

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lty is such as to encourage a rise in prices. Commemorative gold coins are as strong as ever, holding their own at too levels very well.

Choice US proofs have shown a Choice US proofs have shown a Choice US proofs have been considered to the control of the con

again to a price closer to catalag.
With the extremely high prices choice coins now bring, many collectors have been forced to turn their collecting interests to coins of less-er condition ratings. This is reflected in the rapid rise of values of inferior coins that has been going on now for the last couple of years. It was not long ago that collectors looked down upon most anything that was not uncirculated or uroof. Now very fine, and in some cir-cumstances good coins, are avidly

sought by those same perfectionists. The high cost of choice US coins has also turned many collectors' eyes towards the foreign series. Foreign silver dollar sized crowns, thalers, etc., are in much greater demand than heretofore, and while there is a good supply of most, this steady demand may cause a rise in these very soon. Collecting interests in foreign lands has increased tremendously in the last few years. Their interests are in foreign coins mostly. Even now, choice rarities have sky-rocketed to such an extent as to compete with the records text as to compete with the records that American coins are making. A few years ago, American dealers found it profitable to travel to Europe on coin buying trips, for bargains were available. They now report prices are so high that bargains are unobtainable.

Interest in gold coins has increased

to its highest degree. Gold dollars are sky-rocketing in value. All types are say-focketing in value. All types of quarter eagles are consistently hitting new highs. Three dollar gold pieces, once obtainable for 86 now cannot be found for less than \$50 cannot be found for less than \$50 cannot be found for less than \$50 miles. The same property of the sam tions have had.

Canadian coins are also sky-rockcting in value, sometimes faster than US coins. Records are being made US coins. Records are being made ince uncirculated, 1927 Canadian quarter sold for \$110! Interest on the part of both American and Canadian collectors, plus increased knowledge of the rarity of many Canadian coins is principally the cause of this rise.

Interest on the part of American, Mexican and South American collectors has caused the Spanish American series of gold and silver coins to start to rise. Hitherto most Americans were interested in the eting in value, sometimes faster than

Americans were interested in the Doubloons and silver 8 Real coins, now the interest has increased to now the interest has increased to cover small denominations; at pre-sent the sliver pillar 4 Real and 4 Escudo coins have taken quite a jump. Collectors are beginning to the construction of the collectors are beginning to a size ones. It is expected, the 2 Real, large and the collectors are beginning to the collectors are beginning to the collectors are beginning to the collectors. It is the collectors are beginning to the collectors are collectors. It is a size ones. It is expected, the 2 Real, large and small gold coins should I Real and small gold coins should come into their own very soon as interests expand to these denomina-

tions.
Foreign gold coins, with their ever increasing interest will very likely get an additional boost with the excellent new publication now available on them. Without question it is an excellent book. It lists every gold coin issued in the world from

600 A.D. to date, and gives values. It has hundreds and hundreds of illustrations and it took years to compile. Every numismatist should own one, and for all you get the price is reasonable—\$15.00.

price is reasonable—\$15.00. The acquisition of a coin book ii-brary is one of the most important things for a beginning numismatist. My suggestion for beginners is that they should include, The Guide Book of US Coins \$1.00. Paper money of the US, \$7.50. Guide to Foreign Coins Over 100 Years, \$4.00; Gold Coins of the World -600 to date, \$15. And note the fine books as vertised on the opposite page. With vertised on the opposite page. With a real numismatic library.

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By CHARLES FRENCH

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Question:

I enclose two shadow sketches of coins that I have not been able to identify.

Could you also tell me about a set of porcelain coins SACHSEN that bear the mark of the Meissen China Co., the crossed swords mark. They are 20, 50, pfennig, and 1 and 2 mark

-R. E. M., Texas

-C. F., New York

pieces.

The large coin is a silver five franc coin of Emperor Napoleon coined in 1806. It is not very rare, retailing for around \$2.50.

The other piece is a silver coin of Sardinia valued at 35¢. The Saxony porcelain coin set retails for around

Question:

I enjoyed your article, "The Ever Popular Penny" in November HOB-BIES. I have a 1857 Flying Eagle penny, clear and of a gray color. Could you tell me how much this is worth?

_V. W., New York

An 1857 cent in good condition retails for \$1.50; fine condition \$3.00.

—C. F., New York

I have a \$1.00 bill of 1896 series which was supposed to have a mis-take—either incorrect spelling or a mistake in the wording. I am not able to find the mistake myself, but this was given me by an uncle who was a banker at that time. He told the story of the mistake and that the bill would be worth much more than \$1.00 some day. This is a silver certificate. Can you tell me anything about this?

Answer:

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Please identify the coin on the rubbing and list the value,

—J. W. California

Answer:

The coin is a silver Thaler of Charles William Ferdinand of Brunswick, Germany. It is worth around \$3.50.

-C. F., New York

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Question:

I have a coin in perfect condition of the following description: Front sheet, Francis Josef I and ID of the condition of the following description of the following the follo Fokint, What is the catalog value of this coin?

Answer:

Your coin is a 2 gulden piece of France Joseph and Elizabeth of Austria. It is valued at \$2.50.

—C. F., New York

-K. D., Missouri

Ouestion:

I am writing in regards to the value of some Confederate Paper Bills that are in my aunt's possession. They were originally given to her by my grandfather who formerly lived in Kentucky. We would both like to know of their value. Winnis -Mrs. B. G., Illinois

The condition and date of issue determine the value of Confederate Notes greatly, as does the denomination. In fine condition, the common-est usually retail for from \$1.00 on up each; but there are some such as the 1861 Montgomery \$1,000 note that could be worth more than face that could be worth more than face value. Before appraisal, we would have to have a detailed list giving date, type and condition of each.

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Fine condition.

Thaler-sized oin of silver. Head with large wig on obverse with "leh Georg IV DG DVX Sax I C M A and W. On reverse crown and crossed swords and Rom Imp Archimarscal Et Elect Sac. Dated 1693.

Rubbing of a coin, or medal? (Rubbing attached to letter).

—R. H. L. Minnesota

Answer:

around \$10.00.

I have seen many of these model pieces and it is believed they were coined in Germany as copies of English coins. As separate items they are not very valuable. This is the first time I have ever heard of a complete set in its original brass box, and as such, it might be reasonably scarce as a complete unit. There would be no way of estimating its value as this would depend upon the

desires of an interested purchaser.

The German Kroenigs thaler retails for around \$1.00.

The Sieges thaler at the same

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Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

Horse Race Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

The designer of the earliest known dated cast iron mechanical bank comes to the fore as we reach the present point in the numerical clas-sification articles. The designer is John Hall and the earliest known dated cast iron mechanical bank is dated cast iron menancai bank is the Halls Excelsior. He also designed the Horse Race Bank which is our choice as No. 72 in the series. The Horse Race Bank was pat-ented by John Hall August 15, 1871, just two years after the Halls Excel-sion which was not the Halls Excel-

sior which was patented December 21, 1869. The Horse Race is the most outstanding mechanical bank designed by Hall and to today's col-lector it is the rarest and most de-sirable of his banks. John Hall lived in Watertown, Mass., and all his mechanical banks, including the Horse Race, were made by the J. & E. Stevens Company of Cromwell, Conn. Apparently, he was completely

absorbed with the idea that the weight of a coin should cause the action to occur and this is borne out by the fact that all his mechanical by the fact that all his mechanical banks operate on this principle. Three of Hall's banks undoubtedly sold in greater quantities and en-joyed a longer period of popularity than any of the other mechanical banks. These were the Excelsior, Tammany, and Lilliput. They are among the earliest known mechan-ical banks, but today they are still relatively common. This, of course, is due to the fact they were made in larger quantities over a number of

The Horse Race shown is in excellent original condition and has been in the writer's collection for some years. It was purchased by the writ-er in an antique shop in Worcester, Mass. The paint is exceptionally fine and the colors are as follows: The

lattice base and scroll work top are bright red; the circular rim of the top is white, and the two arches are also white with blue outlining. The colored boy is black with red striped colored boy is olack with red striped white rimmed turban. Beside the colored boy is a white rectangular box-like colored boy is a white rectangular box-like colored. So with the colored boy is a white rectangular box between the colored boy is a wind red decorous. On a row but and red decorous colored to the colored boy is a red shirt and yellow trousers. The other horse is white and the rider has a blue shirt and red trousers. The reins, the mane, and the tail of each horse is done in black. On the scroll work top appears the wording, "Patented August 15, 1871," and this is painted blue. The archways so nthe round base are painted yellow and the word "Bank" over each archway is in blue.

The Horse Race Bank when originally sold through toy stores, jobbers, and other outlets came with printed instructions as to its operawhite trunks and a red striped white

pers, and other outless came with printed instructions as to its opera-tion. These instructions were on a rectangular piece of paper that fitted in a space provided on the top of the bank. This section, which has round perforations, can be seen in the picture between the word "Pat-ented" and the date.



The operation of the bank is unique and quite interesting. The string with the small bead on the end is first pulled out and the pulley like wheel with the lug revolves as this in done. wheel with the lug revolves as his is done. This pulley can be seen in the picture. As the operator pulls the string another string fastened to a long flat spring inside the bank is wound onto the pulley putting tension on the spring. A lever snaps into place holding the pulley with tension on the spring and this lever extends under the section where the coin is dropped. Both horses are then placed into position beside a star on leaded into position beside a star on placed into position beside a star on the base which is located to the right of the colored boy. When the horses are placed in this position the extended balanced arm section of each horse is located just to the front of the lug on the pulley. A coin is then dropped in the provided slot as shown in the picture. The weight of the coin trips the lever and activates

the spring which causes the pulley to snap around. The lug on the pulley hits the extended arms and eauses the horses to speed around the

track at a lively pace.

The Horse Race Bank has excellent action and the fact that the weight of the coin causes the action is a very desirable feature. In closing it is well to mention that the bank is entirely cast iron with the exception of the tin horses and their respective arm extensions. It is a hard bank to find in good complete original condition and a favorite among the collectors of mechanical hanks



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By CHARLES FRENCH

Before the American Revolution, the Colonists were hard pressed to find adequate gold coins for their larger and more valuable transactions. Gold coins of all nations were acceptable, but the most popular were the Spanish Doubloons, and English Guineas. The former were acquired either in trade, or at times through privateers from Spanish America. The latter were brought over from England through business transactions, and for military ex-

The earliest attempt to strike gold coins here was in New York in 1787 when Ephraim Brasher struck the few specimens of the now rare Brasher Doubloons, These, however, never materialized as a regular coin-

Prior to the establishment of our Mint a proposal was made to coin five dollar pieces in 1785 but the five dollar pieces in 1785 but the actual approval of our first gold pieces did not come until 1792 when Congress passed an act authorizing the coinage of eagles (\$10), half eagles (\$5), and quarter eagles (\$2.50), The eagles were to be 247½ grains pure, 270 grains standard. Half eagles were to be 123% pure, 135 grains standard; quarter eagles were to be 61% pure, 67½ grains standard. The standard weight included an alloy to make the coins wear better.

These gold coins were pegged to silver on a 15 to one ratio, and while this ratio was all right at the time of the passing of the bill, by 1799 the ratio in Europe had reached 15% to one, and the undervalued gold coins began to flow out of the country or were melted down here to get the extra value they contained. Gold therefore disappeared from cir-

culation, as did silver dollars.

The lettered-edge half-dollar became the chief coin for large transactions, bank reserves, and similar needs. I might add that this careful storing of these halves in banks is one of the major reasons so many of these are available today in such

excellent condition.

It has always been a wonder to me why our forefathers permitted these conditions to last for such a long time for they were not remedied until June 28th, 1834, when a new law reduced the weight of gold coins. From that time on, our gold pieces appeared in the new smaller size. They came back into circulation and created a new interest and demand for gold. It became profitable for gold mines to increase their production and we find the first reproduction and we find the first result in the mines of Georgia and North Carolina where our first pioneer or private gold coins were struck, followed fifteen years or so later, by the fabulous gold discoveries of the West.

There never seems to have been enough gold coins, even though coinage greatly increased after 1834, and the denominations remained \$2.50, \$5, and \$10. The discovery of gold in California threw the coinage prob-lem into a turmoil. Vast quantities of the precious metal were available. Our mint first struck \$20 double eagles, and experimented with \$50 coins. We also find our first gold dollars appearing, closely followed by

The quantities of gold and shortages of gold coin in the West prompt-ed the coinage of pioneer pieces in many denominations. Privately is-sued and not under rigid regulations, many of these were not up to standard fineness and as late as the latter part of the 1920s were looked down upon as low grade, underval-ued coins, redeemed by financial institutions at less than face value. Today, these low grade coins are rare and worth high premiums, not for their gold value but for their numismatic value.

The three-dollar gold piece, first

coined in 1854, was never a popular coin. It was frequently linked with

bad luck by the superstitions.

From the time, shortly after the
Civil War, until the banking holiday
in 1933, there was seldom sufficient
gold for the demand, and gold values were as high as possible under government controls.

During this era numismatic interest in collecting gold coins was not high, perhaps due to their face value. Those who wanted to collect them could easily secure the majority of all denominations for very little over face value even back to 1834 when the new smaller size was adopted.
A great many of the first gold pieces prior to 1804 could be purchased at much less than their rarity should have dictated.

With the entry of proof, gold coins were not popular with collectors. With the exception of the last few years, there were only 25 to 40 proof gold dollars struck each year! Similar small quantities were coined in proofs for quarter eagles, threes, half

eagles, eagles, and double eagles. The largest quantity of gold proof dollars of any year, were struck in 1889, and this only amounted to 1779 piec-The majority of proofs struck in

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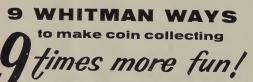
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coins by individuals became so great it seriously endangered the financial structure. This was one of the major reasons for the government order that all gold coins were to be turned

The design of this order was t put an end to hoarding and get gold back where it could do the country more good. The first announcement of this order was widely publicized and stress was placed on the penalties for failure to comply, which at the time were drastic, with stiff jail sentences. The order accomplished what it was intended to do and millions of dollars in gold coin were deposited in banks and federal regerves.

Due to the hysteria of the time, it is regrettable that many real rare gold coins were turned in, For the government was not interested in these, only in hoards. The original order, exempting gold coins in quantities of \$100, within a few weeks was amended to exempt gold coms that were considered rare and held in coin collections.

Over a period of years subsequent amendments gradually continued to ease the stringency of the original order. First, limits were lifted with the exception of \$2.50 pieces (why I will never know). Restrictions on these limited ownership to not more than two of any date or mint mark This restriction was next lifted and penalties were changed from a criminal offense, to a civil one with a fine.

Now all restrictions have been lifted. There is no longer the need for a license to import gold coin, nor to export it, and it is presumed that all gold coins still privately held, due to the time since the hoarding act, are rare collectors items, and therefore eligible to be held, bought, sold.

One minor restriction still in effect is on gold coins struck by foreign nations dated from 1933 to date. They cannot be imported into the country. Insofar as these coins probably were not designed for circulation, the government considers them medals, and as such, subject to a duty of 25% of the cost value.

Since the Hoarding Act of 1933, interest in gold coin collecting has been growing by leaps and bounds. As soon as the government discontinued making gold coins, collectors began taking a great interest in

them. This is the reason gold pieces are so valuable today.

Will there be any gold coins in the future? No one can say, but if there are I do not believe they will have any denominations on them. They will be a certain size, and fineness. In this manner they will be able to fluctuate in value as our economy requires.

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-A. H. J., Jr., North Carolina Answer:

The small coin is a silver piece of the British colony of Demerary and Essequibo, coined under William IV of England. Its value is insignifi-

The large silver coin is a Scudo of Lucca. It retails for from \$5 to

-C. F., New York

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—M. J., Minnesota

Answer: The \$20 gold certificate is required to be turned to the government_at face value according to law. The other two notes are worth little or no premium unless they are in crisp uncirculated condition -C. F., New York

Ouestion:

Could you tell me if these bills have any premium? A one dollar bill different from other one dollar bills, a series of 1928-B, signed by W. O. Woods, and the other name is something like L. Gibs; the other side has the word ONE printed in large letters, and one dollar printed over the word one. Is in new condition. Also I have the Philippines one dollar Victory bill, and two dollar Victory bill, new condition. Any premium? I have two Confederate bills, one a five dollar bill, Feb. 17th, 1864. and a 100 dollar bill, Nov. 20th, 1862, in good condition. Will appreciate any information you can give me.

-Mrs. L. R. S., Illinois

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Ouestion

I have a 1922 Lincoln penny (no letter) in good condition. I have a Whitman coin folder, partly filled, but do not find a space for above mentioned coin. Please give all information you have.

-J. T. Minnesota

Answer: The 1922 Lincoln cent without the mint mark was coined at the Denver mint. No other mints coined cents in 1922. The reason the D is missing is that many of these were struck with a broken die which obliterated the D. They are scarcer than the regular 1922D cents. As it is a variety, the Whitman boards don't list them.

-C. F., New York

Ouestion: I have some old coins that were handed down generation to generation. Can you give me an idea of their history and value?

-L. R., Michigan Answer:

As far as I can make out from the rubbing the 1742 coin is a ducat from the Low Countries, the Netherands. This piece retails for about \$7.50. The other is a common 1 pfennig piece of Germany retail value

-C. F., New York

Ouestion

Will you please identify this coin? Face has Queen Victoria, reverse has Hong Kong, ten cents, 1888. —W. J. J., Florida

Answer:
Your coin is as you described it.
A 'en cent piece, 1888 Hong Kong
under British rule. Retail value about

-C. F., New York

Ouestion:

Answer:

Please identify and approximate value of silver coin dated 1732. I enclose rubbing.

-R. R. A., Texas

The coin you have is an "Ecu" of France under Louis XV dated 1732; condition rating seems to be "good." Such a coin should retail for around \$3.50.

-C. F., New York

Question

Enclosed is a description of a Jackson cent, I would like to know its value. On one side is a turtle carrying a treasure chest, and inscribed "My Substitute Experiment." Rewy Substitute Experiment. Ac-verse is a running donkey with the following: "I follow in the footsteps of my predecessors, 1834."
—Mrs. R. A. H., Missouri

Answer:
Your coin is one of about 57 dif-ferent Jackson cents or hard times

tokens issued during the shortage of change during these panic years. It is a very interesting coin and valued at around 75¢.

-C. F., New York

Question

I have five coins which I picked up in the Dutch East Indies while there with the Aussies and I would like to know the story of them, and their worth. On the front they all have a crown and shield which is slightly different but very similar in design. They are about the size of our pennies, but silver in metal. -S. T., Maine

Answer:
These are small coins of the Netherlands mostly from principalities and cities.

West Frisia or West Friesland Hollandia or Holland Zeelandia or Zeeland Gelria or Gelderland Trajectum or Utrecht.

They are scarce there, but there is not much demand for them and they usually retail for around 25¢

-C. F., New York

Question

Please give me information on an old Carolus Spanish dollar bearing the effigy of Charles the III, dated 1782, the size of a U.S. silver dol-lar. The metal looks like copperbrass mixture. Has it any value's S. F. G., Rhode Island

Answer:
If your coin is copper it is probably a counterfeit; if silver it is worth \$5.00 retail. -C. F., New York

Question:

Kindly tell me what you can from the enclosed rubbings of a large copper coin, as to what it is, and its value.

-R. S. H., Vermont Answer: The coin you have is a 2 Ore coin

of Scandinavia (Norway). Its value is around 25¢.

-C. F., New York

Ouestion:

Could you give me some informa-tion on a German bond which we found in my Grandmother's things. It is in the amount of 100,000 marks, dated 1922, No. 867041, evidently a coupon bond as there are 10 coupons in the amount of 2000M, and 2 coupons in the amount of 2500M. -Mrs. I. D. T., Texas

Answer:
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—C. F., New York

Question I am sending you the rubbing of a coin that is around 300 A.D. It is ancient Roman. Please tell me its

-M. B. D., New York

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—C. H. S., Maryland

Answer: The Wellington token that is silver very possibly has been plated. I know of none in pure silver. As to the Chinese gold coin there were sev-eral "dollars" struck in gold for presentation purposes and not intended for circulation. The one you illustrate is not listed for Yuan Shi Kai, but that does not mean it is not genuine for even as late as 1929 new varieties of these turned up. If of real gold, they are rare and valuable, pretty nearly unique and should bring a very good price. As there is no "Catalog Value" upon such piec-es, offering it at auction would be the best way to sell it, thereby establishing a value. The 1857 coin I would have to examine to form an opinion.

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—C. F., New York

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—D. E. S., Pennsylvania

Answer:
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-C. F., New York

Question I was advised to write you in re-

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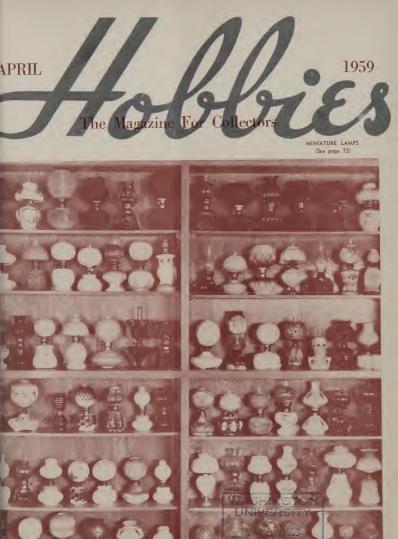
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Tank and Cannon Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

Historical mechanical banks are always of great interest and as we reach No. 73 in the numerical classification of the mechanical banks we have chosen a bank that well represents a period of our history. The bank is the Tank And Cannon and it represents two lethal items of World War I. This bank and possibly the Called Out Bank (HOBBIES, October, 1955) are the only known me-chanical banks with a World War I theme. There are, of course, other mechanical banks that employed the theme of a specific war as their subject matter. One was the U.S. And Spain Bank (HOBBIES, June, 1954) which had its connection with the which had its connection with the Spanish-American War, and anoth-er is the Octagonal Fort Bank (HOB-BIES, August, 1954) which is a Civil War Commemorative item.

The Tank And Cannon Bank was patented May 4, 1920 by Robert Eastwood Starkie and Nellie Star-Eastwood Starkle and Nelle Starkle in Burnley, Lancaster, England. Their application was filed May 12, 1919. The bank as actually manufactured closely follows the descriptive matter contained in the patent papers along with the accompany-ing diagram. So far the actual concern that made the bank is unknown and this may well remain so. The writer has spent considerable time on research on the Starkie's but to little avail. While we have knowledge of various banks that the Starkie's patented so far no information has been available as to any concern in England who actually made the banks. The Tank And Cannon Bank was unquestionably made in England and protected in this Country by the patent papers previously men-

The bank shown is in good condi-The bank shown is in good contribution and was obtained through the help of Frank Ball of Cambridge, Mass. He, of course, is the well known dean of dealers in mechanical banks and toys. Mr. Ball obtained the bank through a party who had originally found it in England. The paint is in pretty fair condition and it is simply an overall silver type paint. The bank is inclined to be a little crude in its construction as compared with the standards of those made in our Country. It is quite heavy and the castings are rather thick, It's likely that circumstances surrounding the time and place of manufacture were a factor, however, a number of the English banks seem to have been produced with less care than was used in the manufacture of the American made

To operate the bank a coin is placed on the flat surface end of the barrel of the cannon after the plunger firing mechanism is pulled back. Upon releasing the plunger the coin is fired into the tank. There is no coin trap and the coins can be removed only by taking off one side of the tank which is held in place by a screw. Both the cannon and the tank are somewhat adjustable so that the firing of the coin can be more or less a matter of skill. This is accomplished by means of adjusting the respective screws that hold the tank and cannon in place on the base.

Previously it was mentioned that the Tank And Cannon and possibly the Called Out Bank were the only mechanical banks to commemorate World War I. It might be well to point out that another patent was issued on a mechanical bank that would come into the World War I. category. On February 17, 1920, Chester A. Herle of Rochester, N. Y., patented a bank that represent-ed Uncle Sam knocking out the Kaiser. This was to have a chute-like arrangement whereby the weight of the coin tripped the lever which caused Uncle Sam's arm to punch the Kaiser in the jaw. The head of the Kaiser in turn fell back. No examples of this bank have ever been found, however, and it is doubtful that it was ever manufactured.

In summing up, the Tank And Cannon Bank is a very interesting example of a historical English bank and so far there are only two or possibly three known to have been found to date.

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I do not know the reason for the low prices in this sale. I realize that a large portion of the clocks

were of foreign origin. I had thought, however, that many collectors were beginning to appreciate the superior design and construction of the European clock.

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Numismatics

The Value of a Coin Collection

By CHARLES FRENCH

Everybody has an interest in coins. Those without the slightest idea of becoming coin collectors, when findbecoming com collectors, when Inna-ing an odd and unusual coin wants to know what it is, and secondly, what it is worth. First impressions are, that if the finder hasn't seen a coin like it before, it must be rare, or valuable. This is seldom so, and is indicated by some of the inquiries coins that are worth very little. Real rare coins are seldom "found" float-ing around. They are either saved as such in collections, purchased from others who saved them, or handed down for generations by those who had the opportunity to secure unu-sual items at the time of their resual items at the time of their re-lease, and had the good sense to save them. Coins have to be perfect, and must be kept carefully to be valu-able. Recently found items are usually worn or carelessly kept and so

are greatly reduced in value.

An odd find, however, is the start of many a coin collector's entrance into the Numismatic Circle. Even though his coin is common and of little value, its unusualness prompts him to seek other unusual coins and as soon as he shows this interest he's a beginning coin collector. The extent to which he collects depends upon the extent of his interest, and

his pocketbook.

Coin collecting goes in cycles. The desire to complete a certain series seems to spread from one collector to another. Consequently we find certain fields or denominations ardently sought for a period of time, then suddenly active interest will ease, and another denomination will ease, and another denomination will be sought. Several years ago, every-one was hot after Commemorative one was not after commentorated up in value. Then after a period of time, interest lagged somewhat, and we found everyone after proof nickels, next, half dimes were sought and in next, half times were sought took a rapid rise in value. Today every-body wants \$1, \$2.50 and \$3 gold body wants \$1, \$2.50 and \$3 gold pieces, and these are skyrocketing in value. Two years ago it was United States proof sets. These skyrocketed to record values only to drop off somewhat as the peak of interest lagged. What will the collector go for next? Only time will tell.

The one denomination that never seems to waver much is the famous one-cent piece. Interest never lags in these. Their record shows a steady climb in values throughout steady climb in values throughout the years. The coining of the new reverse on the Lincoln cents, the Lincoln Memorial, will certainly increase interest in this popular denomination. This is the first change

in design in our cents in fifty years! The Numismatic world has undergone many changes in the last decade or so. Years ago coin collectors were strict individualists, and it was not until the latter part of the 19th century that some got together and formed numismatic organizations. Their advance was slow but steady. Gradually we began to see local coin clubs being organized. Until 1940 more and more of these appeared all over the country, until there were hundreds. During the 30's, there appeared the first re-gional organizations. The Central States Numismatic Association and New England Numismatic Associa-tion were two of the earliest. These regional associations are made up by the clubs and coin collectors in their territory. Local coin clubs usually meet once or twice a month. The regional associations meet either once or twice a year. Their conventions are second only to the annual conare second only to the annual convention of the American Numismatic Association, the national and parent organization of all numismatics. While I have only mentioned two of the earliest regional organizations there are many more, each serving their respective territories. We have their respective territories. We have the Michigan State Numismatic Association, the Penn-Ohio Numismatic Association for Ohio and western Pennsylvania, the Empire State Numismatic Association for New York State, the Metropolitan Numismatic Association for the combined clubs of New York City and environs, the Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association for the combined clubs of New York State (the largest in the East). There is also the newly organized Florida United Numismatis's for that state. The far mismatis's for that state. The far mismatis's for that state. The far west also has many associations, such as the Pacific Coast Numisma-tic Association, the Southern Calif-ornia Numismatic Association and others.

So today numismatists are well organized, with the national organization, the regional organizations, the local coin clubs and then the collectors and dealers. The far reaching effects are reflected in the great increases in those interested in coin collecting and are fast making this one of the most popular hobbies in

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NEW BACK CENT

By HARRY BOSLEY

After half a century, a half change has been made in the design of the Lincoln cent.

The back half, the tail or reverse side of the new Lincoln cent, shows the Lincoln Memorial Building in the Lincoln Memorial Building in Washington, as viewed from the front entrance. Above the building is the motto "E Pluribus Unum," and above this are the words "United States of America." Below the building ap-pears the coin's denomination, one cent. The obverse side of the coin, or its head, remains unchanged. Victor David Brenner designed the

original Lincoln cent a half a century ago. Frank Gasparrao of the Philadelphia mint is the designer of the new back cent. The new cent, was scheduled to make its first public appearance on Lincoln's birth-day, February 12. This is the year of the Lincoln sesqui-centennial observance.

Lincoln cents have been minted continuously since 1909, or a half a century. No type coin has been minted longer than the Lincoln cent. This half change gives the old familiar coin a half new look.

THE HALF-DISME COINS By HARRY BOSLEY

An unknown fact to most people about the historical famous half-disme coins is that they were minted from the silverware of George Wash-

ington. There was a shortage of silver at the mint when they first started making coins, so George Washington offered his own private silverware. Only several hundred of these half-disme coins were minted, which were designed by Thomas Birch. These coins, which are slightly smaller than the dime, were minted during the month of October, 1792, before the mint was completed. George Washington could be called the father of our coinage. One of these rare coins our coinage. One of these rare coins is now on permanent display at the Kansas City Museum, bequeathed by the late Joseph W. Schmandt.
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Question:

Always read your data on coins that appears monthly in HOBBIES. I am a licensed antique dealer and possess a few coins I do not know the value of. I have a one-half U.S. cent dated 1833; another one-half cent dated 1853; anomer one-nan U.S. cent, dated 1829; both in good condition. Trust you can read the rubbings enclosed. Please give the value of coins.

-R. P., Indiana

Answer:

Your half cents, in good condition, should retail for \$1.50 each; 1869 3-cent nickel, 75¢; 1920 Canadian 5¢, 20¢. The other two foreign coins are very common and retail for 5¢ each. The 1897 dime and 1928 nickel are only worth premium, if in uncirculated condition.

-C. F., New York

Ouestion:

Please tell me the value of a quarter of a dollar, 1854 (rubbing enclosed).

-Mrs. J. S., Ohio

Answer:

Your quarter dollar of 1854, in good condition retails for \$1.50. —C. F., New York

Ouestion:

Can you tell me the value of these -Mrs. P. K., Montana

Answer:

The one coin dated 1809 is of Ferdinand VII of Spain, an 8-real piece struck at the Mexico City mint. It appears to be in very excellent condition, and as such, retails for \$5.00. The other is a bronze coin of Portugal, valued at 25¢.

-C. F., New York

Question:

Could you tell me the value of this bill? I have tried to copy what might be important. The President's signature is plain, but I cannot make out the name. Across the brown stamp is printed "Redeemable in lawful money of the United States at United States Treasury or at the bank of issue." —M. S., Illinois

Answer:

Your \$20 bill would be worth no premium unless it was in crisp, new, unfolded condition. And even then, would be worth no more than \$25.

-C. F., New York

Question:

Enclosed are 3 pencil rubbings of coins I would like to know the value of. —C. W., California

Answer:

Your Turkish coin is quite common, and while it catalogs higher, such coins can be purchased from dealers for around 5¢ each. As to the other two silver coins, they retail other two silver coins, they retail for from 10¢ to 20¢ each.

—C. F., New York

Ouestion:

Question:

Have a small gold dollar, Indian

Head, 14 stars, 1849 on one side;
bear and California, on the other.

I am told the 1849 is a top rarity.

—H. H., Illinois

Answer:

I regret to advise that the designs of California gold pieces with the bear on the reverse and no denomination upon them are not genuine California gold coins, but known as "charms," as such they would not be rare. As to the other coins, condition is the determining factor of valuation.

-C. F., New York

Question:

Can you tell from the enclosed rubbing what this coin is worth? It is a ten dollar gold piece dated 1795. —W. E. K., Virginia

Answer:

Your ten dollar gold piece is quite rare and would have to be inspected to give an accurate valuation. At present, if its condition is very fine, its retailing for \$275. If it is in mint gem uncirculated condition it would retail for around \$400. If the coin was sold to a dealer the price realized would be around 30% below the above figures.

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M. E. C., California

Answer:

The later date halves and quarters in "good" condition are only ters in "good" condition are only worth face value. They were probably picked out of circulation. Columbian, if fine, \$1.00; Monroe, fine, \$43.00; Pan Pacific, fine, \$25.00; 1858, 1876 halves in good condition, \$1.50; 2¢, 1898, 76¢; 3¢ silver, \$1.50. These are retail prices.

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Question:

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-C. F., New York

Ouestion:

Recently your HOBBIES Coin Quiz answered a question about 1943 silver cents. Officially only steel cents were minted in 1943. Were any bronze cents minted in 1943, how many, and at what mint? Were any silver cents minted in 1943, and how many, and at what mint? What composition silver and why silver? Are any in circulation or are they all in the hands of collectors? Is there any price set on any of the above? Is there a book on pennies or cents that covers things such as the above? -A. W. S., Illinois

Answer:

There were no bronze cents minted in 1943 according to the records however, there is one supposed to be known. There were some cents struck in error on dime planchets. I do not know the latest count but somewhere under 100. As to where they are who can tell. Those recorded are in the hand of collectors but every so often another is discovered. The silver ones bring around \$95.00, the one known bronze was to be auctioned this past summer but was cancelled out of the sale by the owner. We know of no such book.

-C. F., New York

Question:

With interest I read your story in HOBBIES Magazine on Confederate money. Since 61-62 notes were in use, how can they be "new and crisp?" I have a few notes from my crisp?" I nave a few notes from my family. One five, dated Richmond, Sept. 2, 1861, No. 29038, signed by Register and also Treasurer, but old fashioned writing, hard to decipher. A man's picture in left hand corner, has name on side front, B. Duncan. Perfect condition but not new and crisp (printed 2nd series) figure 6 on it. I also have ten No. 121309, dated Richmond, Sept. 2, 1861, 2nd series and printed 7. Signed S. Sin-ton for Register; C. Ashford for Treasurer, The man's picture on left has no name. I have a \$1, dated Richmond, June 2, 1862, with a woman standing on left upper corner and a woman's portrait in lower corner. Lot of ships on sea in center, no names. Will you enlighten me on these notes and approximate value?

-Mrs. V. N. R., Tennessee

Answer:

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Question:

What is the difference between "uncirculated" and "brilliant uncirculated" . . . also between "proof set" and "gem proof set" and "brilliant proof set"?

Does the Coin Quiz provide an in-

formation service to collectors who may inquire about the market value of certain coins, and the prices at which they were selling during specific past years?

Also, can you give me the names of several books on subject of Coin Collecting for investment? -B. S., New York

Answer:

Brilliant uncirculated indicates that the coin is brilliant. Just plain uncirculated indicates that the coin is unused, but might have some slight evidence of tarnish.

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The Quiz will endeavor to give you any information possible that is at hand.

See advertisements in this department.

-C. F., New York

Question:

Enclosed please find rubbings of a coin I believe to be a copper Follis of Anastasius I. (491-518) Constanor Anastasius I. (431-518) Constantinople. This coin is in very good condition except for small hole in the middle. Please confirm my findings. Also give the meanings of the image and legends. Please state the

-P. K., Texas

Answer:

Your coin is a follis of 40 Nummi and the legends are as follows: D (Dominus), N (Noster), — (really meaning Our Lord and Ruler). Justinianus (ruled A.D. 527-565), balance of letters unimportant and unimportant identifiable. Rev. Anno (III) third year of reign, Nik is identification of denomination. Obverse has bust facing of Emperor holding orb and cross. The coin is of Byzantine origin. As the coin has a hole, it is of no numismatic value.

-C. F., New York

Question:

Enclosed find rubbings (head and tail) of Foreign gold coin, Please tell me what it is, and value. Also I have an 1853 gold dollar (v.s.) mint condition. What is it worth? -H. A. McI., Illinois

Answer:

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-C. F., New York

Question:

Please tell me about these coins.
—Mrs. B. L. C., Idaho

Answer: I regret to say that a dealer can-not pay you any premium for the not pay you any premium for the silver dollars you have for they bring so little over face value. It must also be remembered that there are still about one hundred million to be released by the Federal reserves in uncirculated condition. As to your Indian Heads, exact condition determines their value, If

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Time Is Money Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

A mechanical bank that more or less disrupts the permanency of a classification setup is our choice as No. 74 in the numerical classification of the mechanical banks. This bank is the Time Is Money Bank and undoubtedly it belongs somewhat further up in the listing than the present position assigned to it. Unfortunately circumstances of this nature can occasionally occur by the finding of some heretofore unknown mechanical bank. Also there is always the possibility of a Coasting Bank or a Tommy Bank being found. These are two examples of banks that are known to have been made but to date no specimens have ever been discovered. The l'ime Money Bank more or less fits into this latter category.

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The Bank shown is in fine original condition and but if the content of the control of same, however, the operation and mechanism are entiresame, nowever, the operation and metalasis at charles be a considered by different. The Chronometer Bank is known to have been made and sold in 1876 as it appeared in an advertisement in Ehrich's Fashion Quarterly for the Winter of 1876. The Time Is Money Bank and Chronometer ter of 1876. The Time is Money bank and Chromometer have the same early type of representation of Father Time and it's fairly safe to assume that Time Is Money was made in the 1875-1880 period. The Chromometer Bank, strictly speaking, is a registering bank and is classed in this category, while the Time Is Money is an actual mechanical bank.

an actual mechanical bank.

As mentioned above, the bank shown is in fine original condition with good paint. The base ledge, the protuding ledge above the lettering and the top scroll peak are painted red. The lettering and some decoration and outlining are all done in gold. The circular section which represents a large coin with Father Time thereon is a silver color. The rest of the bank is done in an overall Japanned type of finish with some highlighting of red in the fluted sections of the sides.

The operation of the bank is quite simple but very effective and unusual. The bank is quite sample out-vey effective and unusual. The bank is shown in the picture ready for operation. When a coin is dropped into the provided slot in the top of the bank the large coin sec-tion with Father Time spins around to the left and snap into position after making slightly under a complete revolution. The weight of the coin trips the necessary lever inside the bank to cause this action. The necessity of usinside the bank to cause this action. The necessity of using a coin plus the fact that the weight of the coin causes the action are both very desirable features. The bank is re-set for operation by turning the coin-like dial clockwise until it snaps into the position shown in the picture. A small brass knob is provided for the purpose of re-setting the dial.

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Some points of interest are provided in the large coinlike dial section. Father Time himself is depicted as
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of an Indian head cent by means of a crank or lever.
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By CHARLES FRENCH

Lincoln cents were first coined in 1909. Justly honoring this great man, they were coined for 50 years without change. Even now, with the change just made for 1959, Lincoln is still being honored, for the obverse will still have his bust upon it, the change being on the reverse only. Instead of the long-used wreaths and lettering, the new reverse has a fine, detailed likeness of the Lincoln Memorial.

The first strikes from the new dies are fine sharp specimens, but I won-der how sharp some of the details will be after the dies have been used for a time. The statue appearing inside of the Memorial, and the detail of the sides of the steps could well become blurred as thousands of these are struck. The first strikes will be more desirable to the collector.

While some of these coins were available prior to the official release date, which was Lincoln's birthday, those distributed on his birthday were very few for the demand. I under-stand banks only received 1000 each of the new cents. These did not last long. This condition will exist quite some time, for while the mint is coining them as fast as possible, one must realize that 170,000,000 have to be struck to give each person in the

United States one coin.

This new cent will be a novelty quite awhile as it is natural for every-one to "save" the first cent received with the new design. One can see how many will be put away for this rea-son alone. Collectors are endeavoring to secure bags or rolls of them to put away as an investment.

Many collectors are studying them for mint errors and die varieties. I have already seen one with a sharp reverse and a completely blurred ob-

The new design will be used for many years. Our laws require that no coin designs be changed more frequently than every twenty-five years.

The next most logical coin to have its design changed is the Washington quarter. This was first coined in 1932, has been coined for twenty-seven years, and is eligible, according to the trend of designs. The Lincoln cent now has the Lincoln Memorial. The Jefferson nickel has the shrine, Monticello, on the reverse. There is a good possibility that the Washington quarter also may have only its reverse design changed. Perhaps the Washington Monument will appear on the reverse.

The numismatic world will be bet-ter off without speculators, and I refer to those who speculated on proof sets primarily. I feel that speculation should not be connected with coin collection. Two or three years ago the boom started when the price of proof sets began to rise. They skyrocketed to astronomical heights, hitting their peak two years ago. Since then there has been a steady decline, particularly in the high priced ones. This has happened before, namely, with the commemorative speculative boom of 1935 to 1939.

Proof sets should not be "sold short." The demand not only from collectors but from the American public is growing. The coins are beautiful, and one does not have to be an expert in numismatics to like something beautiful, hence a stable demand.

We wondered how the 1,000,000 sets coined in 1957 would ever be absorbed. Still daily, thousands of these sets are being sold to individuals all over the United States. I do not think it will be long before these are absorbed. Dealers and collectors will sorbed. Dealers and collectors will have to begin looking for them at higher prices. Wide distribution is the finest thing that can happen to proof sets. It takes the quantities out of the hands of a few, and distributes them to many.

Proof sets from 1951 up to 1958, in strong demand, show a tendency to rise somewhat in value. Many dealers are becoming sold out of some issues. This is a fine sign.

Proof sets coined from 1938 through 1942 and 1950, are in good demand but have not shown much indication of rising. These are the group that sell for over \$40. The price tag has slowed them down, even though there is no question they are much rarer than the later issue.

The two rarest, 1936 and 1937, are still on the weak side, mainly due to the high prices they soared to. 1936, with only around 3,360 sets (against 1957 with 1,000,000 sets), hit a high of \$550., (actual recorded sale), two years ago. These have been steadily declining, and the last recorded sale was for \$305. 1937 hit a high of \$250., and recently sold for \$125. I believe 1937 has likely hit its bottom, but 1936 may drop another \$50,

The proof sets of 1959 should be one of the most popular ever, due to the wide-spread interest in the new Lincoln cent. These in proof are beautiful, and I think thousands of these sets will be bought just for the cent alone.

This may be the beginning of a new, but more sober boom in proof sets. Let's hope so, for each time a proof set is sold to a non-collector it makes a possible collector out of him, hence the more widespread interest there is in numismatics, the better it is for the hobby.

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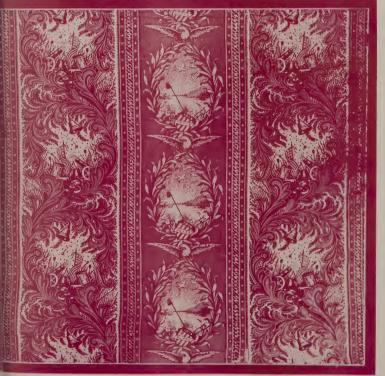




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By the summer of 1857 the plans were completed. The American screw-and-sail-propelled frigate Niagara would lay one-half of the cable from Valentia Bay, Ireland, to the middle of the Atlantic. Then the orner half of the world be splied on and laid to Male would be splied on and laid to Male and the second screw-and-sail-propelled frigate Agamenna. memnon.

On the morning of August 6, 1857, the Niagara left Valentia Bay, but before it had made 5 miles the cable snapped. The ship returned to repair snapped. The ship returned to repair the damage, and resumed her course, this time more slowly. However, after four days out, the cable broke again. Unfortunately, 385 miles of cable had been laid to depths up to two miles. The Niagara sailed back to America, and the project was postponed until the following

However, before Cyrus W. Field left England for America, he persuaded English investors to increase the capital and order 700 miles of new cable. In Washington, he then obtained more funds and the use of parally wester for another strength. naval vessels for another attempt.

On October 20, 1858, the cable went dead. However, the Civil War prevented any repair operations until 1865. This time the Great Eastern, then the largest vessel afloat. ern, then the largest vessel afloat, replaced the inoperative cable. Fin-ally, on July 13, 1866, messages could be sent once again. Some time later, Field salvaged part of the first cable, and another section from Newfoundland was spliced on to it. Then, two submarine telegraph cables linked the two continents.

On August 6, 1858, George Saward, secretary of the Atlantic Telegraph Co., wrote Cyrus W. Field from Lon-don: "The name of Cyrus Field will don: "The name of Cyrus Field will now go onward to immortality as long as that of the Atlantic Tele-graph shall be known to mankind."

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Today, they are very carefully struck to insure perfect specimens. Up until recently they were struck by hand to acquire this. At all times, the dies used were polished, as were the planchets. This gave the coins their mirror-like finish.

A genuine proof must be perfect. Its field, including the tiny spaces between letters and designs, must have this mirror-like finish. The high lights of the coin are sharp and have a "frosted" or "uncirculated" look, causing the designs to "stand out" from their mirror-like background. Edges are usually sharp, and the coin is perfectly centered.

Proof coins are truly beautiful coins, whether they be in gold, silver, or copper. Sandblast or mat tions, with the exception of the mir-ror-like finish. They have a dull, velvety-type surface instead.

While the first regularly recognized issue of proofs for collectors commenced in 1858, proofs were coined before that time. The first early proofs were more like trial or experimental pieces to test designs and dies. Very few were struck, and consequently they are very rare. These were not usually offered for sale to collectors, but were more as "presentation" pieces, samples of coinage, and so forth.

In 1858, when proofs were first offered for sale to collectors, the number struck was very small. Records as to how many proofs were coined prior to 1877 are spotty but we can tell from what information we have that the quantities were very small. By examining the records one can see how the interest in proof coins steadily increased as the years went by. Popularity seemed to center on the lower denominations.

During the 19th century, proof sets were offered as minor sets; complete sets; and lastly, the gold. The minor sets were by far the most popular, then the complete sets, and lastly the

Gold coins were not very popular in proof even though their premium cost was very little over face value Probably, this was due to the initial face value investment involved. The coinage of proof double eagles ranged from only 20 to 158 proofs per year from 1865 to 1907.

Proofs were discontinued in 1915 and were not resumed again until 1936. The maximum number of proofs struck in 1915 for any denomination was around one thousand. The number struck in 1936 that can make up proof sets was around 3300. Quite an increase, but nothing like what oc-curred from 1936 to 1957 when one

million or so proof sets were coined. From 1936 through 1942, proofs were not sold as "sets" only, as they are today. One could purchase any quantity of any denomination desired, and had to make up ones own sets. From 1950 on proofs have been sold as sets only.

Many "early strikes" of regular issue coins appear to be proofs, for the new dies frequently give the coins a mirror-like surface. This is often found with branch mint coins, but it must be remembered that no proofs were ever struck at any of the branch mints. While it is very difficult to detect these, it will be found that they never have the sharp, well struck edges of a genuine proof. The high lights are usually not sharp, and the coin is not perfectly centered.

Attempts to fake proofs are frequently come across, Buffing will give an uncirculated coin a mirror-like finish, but this usually can be detected by the mirror-like finish being on the designs as well as the field. Even those coins done more carefully, so that the designs are not buffed, can be detected by examining the tiny surfaces between letters and designs where a buffer cannot get. The sharp edges of such coins are, of course, lacking also.

Uncirculated coins which most frequently have the look of proof coins, when they are not, are: Silver dollars, 1878 up, from all mints. Liberty seated halves, prior to 1890. Quarters, prior to 1890. A few dimes in the 70's. The 1866 nickel. The 1865 threecent piece. Gold dollars, particularly in the 1890's, Some of the later three-dollar gold pieces. With regard to the gold \$2.50, \$5, \$10. and \$20—these sometimes are found with proof-like lustre. but are usually somewhat scratched, indicating contact with oth-

Several of the scarcer, shorter issues, such as the four-dollar stellas; the three-dollar coins of 1873, 1875. 1876; twenty-cent pieces of 1877 and 1878 · nickle three-cent pieces of 1877 and 1878; and the two-cents of 1873 were only struck in proof, even though used specimens or "debased" proofs are occasionally found of these

The three-dollar series, nickle threecent pieces, and the two-cent pieces were coins purely for collectors, to maintain a "consecutive run of dates." The 1873 two-cent pieces, and the 1877 and 1878 twenty-cent pieces, struck for this reason, turned out to

be the last of the series, however. The four-dollar stellas were really trial or experimental pieces and were never coined for actual use. Some denominations during the 80's had become unpopular for regular use, but were coined for a decade or so in small quantities probably to satisfy the collectors' demand for a complete

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Butting Buffalo Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH



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roamer of the western plains.

The bank pictured was obtained by the writer a number of years ago from a New England antique dealer. It is in excellent condition and completely original. The bank was patented March 20, 1888 by Alfred C. Rex of Philadelphia, Pa., and manufactured by Kyser & Rex of the same city. It represents the fig.

ure of a buffalo in the act of butting a boy who is climbing a tree in or der to reach an animal in the top of the stump. For some years the animal in the top of the stump was thought to be a small bear, however, the patent papers clarify this as follows: "In the bank illustrated in the drawing 1 (Rex) have shown the casing in the form of a piece of ground and the stump of a tree, from the top of which is pivoted the representation of a raccoon, and to the side of the tree is pivoted the representation of a boy in the act of climbing up the tree after the raccoon. In the rear of the boy is a horned animal (buffalo) in the act of butting the boy and assisting him up the tree as shown." This quote from the original patent papers leaves no doubt but that the figure of the animal in the stump definitely represents a

raccoon.

The paint on the bank shown is in fine condition and the colors are as follows: The base or ground-like section is an overall green with high-

lightings of red and yellow. The tree stump is brown and green with bronze color vinelike leaves going up the sides. The buffalo is an overall brown with highlights done in silver, and his horns are also silver. The boy has yellow trousers, a red shirt, and a blue hat. The raccoon is black with silver highlights.

To operate the bank a coin is first placed in the provided slot in the top of the tree trunk to the rear of the raccoon. The coin stays in position until the bank is operated. The lever shown is then depressed and in so doing the buffalo raises his head butting the boy. The boy moves up the trunk and as he does so the raccoon withdraws back into the stump and the coin drops inside the stump and on into the base. Upon releasing the lever the first time the present of the positions shown in the picture. It might be well to point out that the coin rests on a small lug which blocks the coin slot inside the stump. This lug is part of and fastened to the raccoon. As the

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raccoon withdraws the lug moves down and forward allowing the coin to fall into the bank. As has been mentioned in past articles, this type of action where the coin is automatically deposited by the operation of

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one would have to be an expert to distinguish between the many differ-ent kinds. Here, too, one may go off and really intensively study the different types of metals. But for the average person, it is enough to know that the most common metal handles, other than silver and gold, are made of steel, nickle, pewter, or varying combinations of alloys. In the metal handles it seems to me there is the greatest variety in size and shape. It is here one finds many oddities, as well as many beautiful and intricate patterns. Somehow, it's the odd ones that intrigue me. I often wonder who made the one I have that consists of a large bullet for a handle, while the rest of it is a perfectly normal looking buttonhook, or if the claw on the end of another one is really meant to be a back scratcher.

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By CHARLES FRENCH

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1892. These Liberty Head coins continued in circulation for several decades, gradually diminishing in quantity as they wore out. At first when many of them were sharp, non collectors would not pay any attention to them, but say 20 or 30 years later, every last surviving Liberty Head found in circulation immediately was held out as a possible rare coin—no matter how badly worn.

coin—no matter how badly worn.
At this stage, the majority were
so badly worn as to be classified as
fair to good condition. Any coin in
such a condition, unless excessively
value. It must also be remembered
that short issues and real rarities
would have long since disappeared
from circulation, simply due to the
smallness of their numbers. Those
that lasted until the end would be
around.

While this means the Liberty Head coins are now almost completely out of circulation, thousands of them are in the hands of collectors and hoarders. Inspecting prevailing catalog values, we find that they are all listed as being worth a premium, some premiums quite high.

some premiums quite high.

This leads those who have quantities of Liberty Head coins to think
they are worth a lot of money. Truth
is that, while they catalog so high,
everyone has quantities of them, and
consequently is not interested in purchasing them at high premium prices.
With no demand, what good is
a catalog value?

a catalog value?
Interest in collecting Liberty Head
coins has been accelerated by the
ever-popular Whitman boards, and
many thousands of collectors are endeavoring to complete collections
of Liberty Head coins by picking
of collector is not inclined to pay
premiums, unless perhaps he only
requires one or two to complete the
board, and if the premium is not
too much he will purchase the coins.
This will not bring the value of the
thousands available anywhere near

There is a situation pertaining to Liberty Head nikeks and Liberty Head dollars—thousands are available in circulated condition with not enough purchasers. The dollars are still obtainable in uncirculated condition, and we understand that the last of the Denver mint silver dollars, 35,000,000, are to be put into circulation this summer, all brand new and dating back to 1921. We also understand that there are millions more uncirculated dollars still to be released by the Federal Reserves as the demand calls for them

serves as the demand calls for them. There is always some rumor circulating when new coins come out. The 1883 nickel, when it first came out, was known as the racketer was known as the racketer of the control of the

A howl went up when Victor D. Brenner had his initials on the reverse of the new 1900 Lincoln cent, and his initials were promptly removed. Everybody hoarded the ones with the VDB on them. Outcome? It is the commonest one of all from the Philadelphia mint.

I can remember looking through old coin books several decades ago printed by old time dealers and all had in the front:

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When the 1916 Liberty Standing quarters came out and got into circulation in 1917, another how! was made. Miss Liberty was naked from the waist up! This was promptly changed the latter part of 1917. The 1916 quarters are rare. Few saw the property of the

The first 1921 Peace dollars were thought to be commemorative coins but the number of years they were coined takes them out of this category. The complaint over these was that they were so high they would not stack. The design was corrected in 1922 to make them stack and so satisfy bankers.

1932 quarters were originally intended to be commemorative coins which they are not.

Remember about the supposed "Flag Pole" on Monticello which one of the big commentators announced over the radio? It set thousands of people searching for this fabled rarity on the new Jefferson nickels.

When the Roosevelt dime came out the initials of the engraver, John Sinnock, appeared at the truncation of the neck. Many said they were the initials of Joseph Stalin. This again was voiced in 1948 when the Franklin halves first appeared with the same initials.

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Chimpanzee Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

The only mechanical bank to feature an ape is our choice as No. 76 in the numerical classification. This bank is the Chimpannee Bank and strictly defined as an ape it is in a class of its own, however, in the broad definition the bank fits into the monkey group of mechanical banks. This group, by the way, comprises some very interesting mechanical banks. There are the four types of Organ Bank, all of which ring bells in their operation; then there is the rare Monkey Bank (HOB-BIES, April, 1958), as well as the elusive, hard to find Little Jocko Musical Bank wherein music is played during the operation of the bank. Two other rather rare items in the monkey group are the foreign made Monkey With Tray and Monkey and Parrot. Then, of course, there is the late, rather common Hubley item, The Monkey and Organ Grinder (Monkey Bank), as well as the desirable Lion and Two Monkeys made by Kyser & Rex. the system of the contraining banks in the group. The Monkey are of the not extanding banks in the group, The Monkey each contraining banks in the group. The Monkey classed in the group of bookses, also be classed in the group of the collector so chooses, also be classed in the group of the order or opinion.

The Chimpanzee Bank was patented September 21, 1880, by L. Kyser and A. C. Rev of Philadelphia, Pa, and also manufactured by them under the company name of Kyser & Rex of the same city. The bank as produced closely follows the patent papers and the accompanying drawings. One of the desirable features of the bank is the fact that a coin operates the mechanism and this feature is well covered in the patent papers and the insertion of relates to toy money-boxes in which the insertion relates to toy money-boxes in which the insertion relates to toy money-boxes and our invention consists in so constructing the overall of the control of the control

The bank shown was obtained by the writer some years ago through the good help of Robert Beveridge of Albany, N. Y. It is completely original with no repairs and the paint is in excellent condition. The colors are as follows: The building is an overall light green with a red base, the windows are outlined in gold, and the tin inner lining of the larger lower windows is painted a light red. The top peak and the archway over the



monkey are in red and the lettering of the name is done in gold. The domed perforated section in back of the monkey is white as are the open pages of the book in front of the monkey. The edges of the pages and the covers of the book are gold, the desk or table-like section is brown. The monkey has a blue jacket, white shirt, and his hands and face are brown.

To operate the bank a coin is inserted in the provided slot located to the front of the figure. In inserting the coin it is necessary that a lever across the slot be pushed to the rear by the coin itself. This causes the head of the monkey to not forward and at the same time his right arm and hand move down on the open book as though noting the deposit thereon. A bell also located the coin is released into the bank as a finishing bond. The coin is released into the bank as a finishing bond. The coin is released into the bank as it is released into the bank as it is released into the bank is rather difficult to find in The Chimpanzee Bank is rather difficult to find in

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By CHARLES FRENCH

Coins that are off-center or that have something wrong with them, formerly known as freaks, have now been given the glorified name of "mint errors."

In the manufacture of coins, the mint carefully checks the new coins as they are coined, but occasionally a mis-stamped coin, or bill for that matter, manages to escape the eyes of the checkers and get into circulation. A good many of these "mint errors" can be unique, Others are quite common due to the ease with which some errors can occur and be overlooked. There is an association for mint error collectors.

The difficulty of describing mint errors prompted the "Kolit" rating scale, making it easier for one to understand what the error is. For instance, on off-center coins, the clock is used as an example. By placing the coin in front of you, the top would be numeral 12, and the circle of the coin would be divided into a clock.

Now, if you had an off-center Lincoln Cent and the design was off to the right at about the number "3" of the clock, it would be known as a "Kolit 3" off-center coin. If the coin was off at the bottom of the planchet it would be "Kolit 6," and so on around the face of the clock.

Degrees of off-center are figured in fractions of an inen. If the design was half way off, showing half the planchet blank, and to the right, as described above in the first example, it would be "Kolit 3, ½ off." If the degree off was ¼, showing three quarters of the coin design, and ¼ blank, it would be known as "Kolit 3, ¼ off," hence the professional description of the last one would be, for instance: Lincoln Cent 1911 P ¾ O.C. in K3.

Coins slightly off-center, or eclipsed (a circular piece out of the edge of the planchet at some spot), are the most common mint errors. This does not mean that all are, however. I recently had a large cent with the rare date 1811, in almost uncirculated condition which was off-center about % at Kolit 2 on the obverse.

The unusual part of this cent was that, while it was the same amount off on the reverse, the design was incused or cut in, rather than raised up and very sharp. This most likely occurred by two planchets being struck at once, and the design of one cent being impressed in reverse on the other. The combination of errors,

plus the rarity of the coin, and its condition, put the value of the cent at around \$250.

A popular type of mint error are cents that are struck on silver planchets. This can happen by a dime planchet getting mixed up with the cent ones, and consequently having the cent design struck on the silver dime planchet. Many think these are very rare, but there are more of them than one realizes. A count made in 1957 indicated that there were 37 known silver cents. More have been discovered since that date.

One of the most sought after and popular mint errors is the copper cent of 1943, the year they made steel cents only. Many people claim to have these, but close inspection shows that nearly all are fakes.

It is very easy to copper-plate a steel cent, but this can be detected by giving it a magnet test. If it adheres to the magnet you may be certain there is a steel cent under the

plating.

Careful counterfeits in real copper have been made of the two known 1943 copper cents, but the designs of these are usually blurred, or are lightly struck at some spot and can be detected in this manner, Altered dates are prevalent but these can be detected with a powerful magnifying glass.

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Errors in paper money are as ardently sought. The commonest are bills that are slightly off-center. Also those that had the paper folded slightly so that there is a "white spot" across some part of the note.

Probably the most desirable would be notes that have one denomination on one side, another on the other. I recently saw one of these on exhibition, a one dollar reverse and a five dollar obverse.

We had, in one of our sales, a one dollar bill with no serial numbers, no signatures, plus no seals. Two different colors were missing. This note, crisp new brought over

\$100. Other very unusuat mint errors would be composite folds in a note giving a white, unprinted, accordion effect; notes printed heavily on one side of reverse or obverse with ink fading to nothing on the other side; signatures and numbers upside down.

All these would be very rare. But one must remember that mint errors, as well as all coins, must be in perfect condition to demand the best prices. Even though the error is a scarce one, if the note has been used a lot, its value would be one-tenth what it would have been had it been crisp new.

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This chance observation made by James Ritty more than 75 years ago, amid the din of a ship's engine room, gave birth to the cash register-an invention that has influenced the lives of millions of people throughout the world. Today the cheerful jingle of the machines can be heard in

over 100 countries. It sounds 1,000 times an hour in a Brooklyn bargain basement and mingles with the temple bells in Bangkok. The machines are operated by Eskimos north of the Arctic Circle and by Zulu tribes-men below the Equator, by perfumeurs in Paris and Algerian merchants in the Casbah.

The ring of the cash register is perhaps the world's most familiar sound effect. During a radio show some years ago the blindfolded contestants were asked to identify dif-ferent objects by their sound. The prize was won by a nian for recognizing the ring of a cash register. A deluge of letters poured into the studio. Listening audiences complained that the question was too easy, that anybody could identify the bell of a cash register.

An earnest student of human af-

fairs recently figured that there is one cash register for every 50 adults in the United States.

The machines can be found wherever money changes hands-in the biggest stores and the smallest, in churches, hospitals and schools, even in traffic courts where the machine is used to record the fine you pay for parking on the wrong side of the street. The commissary in the Vatican uses a National cash register to record sales in the Holy City.

Not long ago, a world traveler re-ported an incident which dramatically showed how the cash register has become a symbol of business even in the most remote corners of the world. During a visit to a small shop in a mountain village in the Orient he discovered a cash register that appeared to be as ancient as its owner. The machine was just a hollow shell: it didn't add figures, produce receipts or even record sales. The only thing it did was ring a bell. The puzzled visitor asked the store keeper the value of such a machine,

"It shows I'm a businessman," he

replied proudly.

However the cash register is more than just a decoration for showing that an individual is a businessman. The modern fast-moving retail store could not exist without the mechanical wizardry of the machine, which provides merchants with the information they need to run their stores efficiently. Neither could the supermarket with its low price tags, speedy check-out lines and acres of quickfrozen, vacuum-packed, cellophanewrapped, jumbo-sized goods that have become a symbol of the shopping revolution during the past few decades.

Ritty invented the cash register because he wasn't able to prevent the cash from his own business from falling into the hands of peculating employees whose favorite pastime anparently was dipping into the till. The first register looked like a big wall clock with two hands that indicated dollars and cents. Like many other inventions, the machine ran into opposition at the time. Early cash register salesmen were frequently tongue-lashed and even attacked



Sheila Hershey rings up "sole" on world's first cash register, which was placed in the Smithsonian Institution July 1, 1959. Looking on is Stanley C. Allyn, Board Chairmon of the National Cosh Register Co, who presented the machine to Dr. Leonard Comichael, Secretary of the Institution. The device was invented in 1879 by Jomes Ritty, o Dayton, Ohio, cafe owner, who sold the rights to the mochine for \$1,000.00.

by some store clerks who regarded the machine as a menace to their extra-curricular income.

Ritty invented the cash register in 1879. Jeered by his contemporaries, he sold the rights to his "thief-catching machine" for \$1,000.

The invention was generally regarded as a "white elephant" until it was purchased in 1884 by John H. Patterson, founder of the National Cash Register Company.

Patterson bought the inventionand a small cash register factory -for \$6,500 from a man named Phillips but even Patterson was assailed by doubts as to whether he had made good bargain. After making the purchase, he attempted to call off the deal and offered to let Phillips keep \$2,000 if the latter would take the machine back.

"Take it back?" the seller is re-ported to have said, "I wouldn't take it back as a gift."

Since that time, the company has manufactured more than 5,000,000 of the machines.

The company is now regarded as one of the world's leading industrial firms. During the past 75 years, the original 13 employees have grown to more than 47,000, and the company has expanded into electronics, accounting machines and other areas.

Linked with the huge NCR com-plex in Dayton are factories, research units and offices in every part of the globe. Last year, company sales were approximately \$400 million.

The cash register has come a long way since the primitive clock-shaped device invented by Ritty. Today, there are cash registers with braille keys for the blind and special models for amputees with artificial hands. Housewives (and their husbands) annually save millions of shopping hours because of the push-button magic of the modern cash register.

The saving was indicated by a recent nationwide Opinion Research survey, which showed that one out of five store clerks can't add a simple column of seven figures correctly. The survey consisted of the same type of arithmetic problems the store employees encounter on their jobs.

In one problem, the clerks were asked to calculate the bill for a simulated basket of groceries.

"One out of three short-changed himself or the customer," Opinion Re-search reported. The study also showed that one out of 10 is unable to calculate a customer refund in his head without making a mistake.

Shopping is also speeded by the shopping is also specied by the modern cash register. Suppose a su-per-market still had to rely on the old "brown paper bag" method of figuring customer's bills.

On a busy shopping day the pileup at the check-out counter would make a five o'clock traffic jam seem like a (Continued on page 60)

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THE BIRTH OF THE CASH REGISTER (Continued from page 57)

leisurely jaunt through the country-

Until the advent of the modern cash register, merchants had to rely mainly on guess-work in running their stores. They had little or no way of knowing what merchandise they were selling, who sold it, and for how much. The cash register sup-plied them with this information for the first time and made it possible for them to operate their stores on a more scientific basis. For thousands of these merchants the cash register has meant the difference between success and failure.

Merchants use the information provided by a cash register in a variety of ways

A fashionable New York dress shop uses its registers to keep tab on the fast-changing pace in fashions. Every time a garment is sold the machine records the size, color, style and type of material. As a result the store is always in a position to know the merchandise its customers want.

The modern cash register, which contains thousands of parts, is in some respects as complex as a Swiss watch and requires great precision to produce. After a tour through the NCR factory Henry Ford is said to have remarked: "I'm glad I make a simple thing like an automobile."

Although the National Cash Register Company is now celebrating its 75th birthday, the cash register, a forerunner of record-keeping automation, is more necessary today than ever.

The reasons aren't hard to guess. Today, the world is moving at an ever-faster pace. People don't have time to waste, when they go shop-ping. After they make their purchases in a store, they want to get out as fast as possible, and the chances are they'll demand even greater speed in the future.

But that isn't the only reason. Storeowners also are interested in speeding up their operation. They also need an ever growing amount of facts to run their stores efficiently, and the cash register still sits in the key spot where business information is born,

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RARE COINS & FAKES

By CHARLES FRENCH

Many series of coins remain unappreciated. The Colonial series, those issued by our Colonies prior to and just after the American Revolution, are one of them. Very few were coined by today's standard.

There are no records to indicate just how many there were. We find many in inferior condition due to the poor manner in which they were coined, and the use they received. Few if any were put away as we put away uncirculated specimens of current coinage by the roll today. These coins in top condition, extremely fine to uncirculated, are therefore very hard to find.

If one were to follow ads, auction sale catalogs, and other mediums for purchasing coins, one would find very few offered. Prices usually run from full catalog to a little over,

The 1911 Denver mint \$2.50 gold pieces are very rare. Everyone needs them. We seldom find them offered. Watch the 1911D \$5, another short and rare issue. This coin should rise sharply in the near future.

Gold dollars, and three-dollar gold pieces series have taken a terrific rise. One can remember when a three-dollar gold piece, in very fine condition, could be purchased for \$7.00. Ten times that amount would now be more like what it would cost. Gold dollars could be bought for \$3.00 each. Now they'd cost \$15 and up.

These rises could be due to inflation, but I think they represent a realization of the rarity of these two series. By present day standards, very few were coined. The commonest year for threes was 1854 when 138,618 were struck; the rarest 1870, San Francisco mint, with only Two coined.

The largest issue of gold dollars was in 1853 when 4,076,051 were struck; the smallest 1854, at the Charlotte mint, when only four were struck. Compare this to the millions we make of all denominations today, and you can appreciate how scarce they are. Compare these figures to the 1,247,952 proof sets that were issued in 1957.

Other underrated coins are the originals and restrikes of the Confederate cents. The originals, struck in copper nickle, of which there were only 12 coined, catalog at \$250. Restrikes in copper, 55 coined, catalog at \$150; restrikes in gold, only seven coined, \$750. Restrikes in silver of which there are 12, catalog at \$300. I would certainly like to find and purchase these four at those prices.

Many years ago electrotypes were made of all early coins that were extremely rare. Electrotypes are lead

reproductions cleverly covered with copper. They are pretty difficult to detect. I have known some that had a ring nearly as clear as a genuine specimen,

The one way to tell these, without ruining the coin, is to carefully examine the edge. There is usually a very fine crack discernible where the two thin coverings of copper are joined. Electrotypes never have edge designs, such as milling, etc.

The government takes the stand that electrotypes of coins struck at the US mint are counterfeits. This applies to the electrotypes of such rarities as the 1793, 1796 half cents; the 1793, 1799, 1804 large cents, and other coins of mint issue.

There are many electrotypes of Co-lonial rarities. As these were not of mint issue the government is not interested in them. The collector can be fooled by them, however, and great care should be taken when purchasing rarities of these series. An electrotype is a space filler and one would not want to pay the high price of an original for a reproduction.

Many fakes or altered dates are turning up. The rare 1914D cent is appearing with a phony letter "D". made either from a 1914P with "D" added (D is usually rather crude), or from a 1924D (this one would have the VDB initials below bust where original 14D does not have). Carefully examine your 1905S VDBs also. I've seen them with "S" added.

It is easy to take off one leg on a 1937D nickel to make it a threelegged one. Watch for this.

The rare 1894S dime, while you won't see many, must be watched. The S is known to have been added to the Philadelphia issue.

I believe there are more altereddate 1913 Liberty Head nickels than originals. They can be detected by the fact that fakes are almost al-ways worn to some degree. These were made by altering the O of a 1903 to make it look like a 1913; also by altering a 12 to a 13.

The celebrated 1804 dollar is well known for its altered dates and restrikes.

Pattern four-dollar "Stellas" were coined in other metals than gold. Gold ones should be carefully examined, for some of the others, though rare, have been gold plated.

Mint marks are known to have been added to the rare 19090 Half Eagle.

The Grant with "star" commemora-tive half-dollars have been faked by adding a star to the common variety. There are two ways of detecting this. The star usually leaves a mark on the reverse when punched on.

The other and safer method is by carefully examining the field directly next to the chin and nose of Grant. A slight imperfection was on the field there on the original Grant "star." The "star" coins were struck first. When the "star" was removed for the commoner variety, these two imperfections were removed, hence the Grant without star has a perfect field.

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Question:

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—Mrs. F. L., Idaho

Answer:

The coin is 10 francs, 20th century, of Morocco, made of brass. Value about 5¢. The date 1366 is the Mohammedan date. To convert the Mohammedan date to the Christian era, 3% of 1366 is 45.5 subtract 45 (closest whole number from 1366) and add 622 which gives us the date 1943.

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# The Winner Savings Bank

By F. H. GRIFFITH

Horse racing, the so called Sport of Kings, again comes to the fore as we reach No. 78 in the numerical classification of the mechanical banks. The Winner Savings Bank is our choice to occupy this postion and operating theme centers around a horse race. Another mechanical bank has the same subject matter and this is the Horse Race Eank which appeared in the series

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The Winner Savings Bank was patented April 23, 1895, by Alfred A. R. Berger of New York City, N. Y., and manufactured by Berger & Medan Manufacturers of the same city. The patent papers as issued to Berger are very specific as to the operation of the bank and thoroughly over the fact that the horses can finish in any number of positions at the completion of each race. This as outlined in the patent papers is accomplished by means of spacer washers on the central operating shaft that cause the factor of friction to be the

motivating force.

The bank shown is from the fine collection of L. C. Hegarty. It is in what may be called mint condition, completely original, no repairs, and excellent paint. The bank is an overall light bluish green. The first part of the name "The Winner" is in gold with red outlining and "Savings Bank" is in gold with green outlining and "Savings Bank" is in gold with green outlining. The scroll work and decorations are in green. The horses on the front and side are a reddish brown. There is a large gold and red horseshee on the back and the

name of the manufacturer "Berger & Medan" is printed thereon. The following is also printed on the back. "Directions. Pull out rod, insert either a one, five, or ten cent piece in slot them push in rod." Opposite this appears this statement. "To take out contents remove cover in the bottom of the shak." At the aforementioned printing the bottom of the shak." At the aforementioned printing the bottom of the shak." At the aforementioned printing the bottom of the shak. "At the aforementioned printing the presence of the shake at the presence of the shake at the shake the

To operate the bank the directions as shown on the back are followed and the horses spin around and around until an eventual winner stops near the finish point marker. The bank is operative only when a coin is used

and this, of course, is a desirable feature,

The bank is made of tin and it is 5" square, 4' high, and the round top is 44" in diameter. It seems to be a very difficult item to add to a collection as so far only a few are known to exist. It's a colorful them with its attractive decorations and makes a nice addition to a collection of mechanical banks.



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# Mint Errors in Paper Money

By CHARLES FRENCH

Mint errors in paper money are most interesting. There are a great many varieties, and as yet there has been no published compilation giv-ing different errors. Some errors are common, others rare. Perhaps the rarest of all are notes of one denomination on one side and another on the other. I have seen a few of these.

One was a one dollar bill on the obverse, a five dollar bill on the re-verse. The other was a ten dollar bill on the obverse, a twenty dollar bill on the reverse. A teller in a bank at one time was counting a batch of ten dollar bills. He counted it one way and the amount came to \$500. He turned the bills over and counted them again and only found \$491. Noting a one dollar note in with the tens, inspection disclosed that one of the bills had a ten dollar obverse, a one dollar reverse. Another of the very rarest.

A mint error, hard to believe, is a crisp new one dollar note I had last year without the Blue seals and serial numbers. Also without the black signatures, How both black and blue impressions could be omitted is hard to understand, I have seen many without the seals and serial num-bers, or without signatures. Some come with the serial numbers and seals upside down, some with signatures upside down. Some with inverted reverses. The rarest of these I ever had was an uncut sheet of first issue fractional currency, crisp new, 5¢ denomination imperforated with inverted reverse.

I had an unusual note sometime ago, the obverse was perfect but the printing on the reverse, strong at one side, faded gradually until the other side was blank. Another un-usual error is the impression of the obverse of a note over the reverse, or vice versa

Folds in notes are quite numerous. The degrees of the fold determines values. Some have large, or double folds creating blank spots in the notes of quite a size; when opened they show large "elephant ears." These are the best. Others may only have a small crease across the note when opened, leaving only a white line. These are the least best. Such errors are caused by the paper being folded before printing and the print-

ing impression missing the fold. Off-center notes are also known as an error, but they must be way off-center, so far in fact, as to show a good amount of the next note.

Other very unusual errors are, notes with two different serial numbers, notes with double impressions of the signatures and similar errors. These are quite rare,

All of these errors are due to mechanical defects of one sort or another, misses, lack of ink, notes overlaying each other creating a double impression.

One mint error I have never seen and would like to acquire would be a crisp new note, any denomination that would be printed on one side and blank on the other, either side. This I believe would be very rare and unusual.

Most mint errors are of recent issues as collectors have only become interested in them during the last couple of decades. I have seen very few of the old large sized notes that were discontinued in 1928. These would be very rare, particularly crisp

Fake mint errors have been attempted but are easily identified. Mostly they are bleached so the reverse appears gold or yellow instead of green, or the seals are yellow in-stead of blue or red.

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# COIN QUIZ

By CHARLES FRENCH

Coin questions answered for 25c per letter to help defray costs. Do not mail us coins in question.

### Question:

Please identify copper coin from pencil rubbing below. The obverse has the words Stad Utrecht, and date 1791. The reverse has a crown, rampant lions on either side of shield, and some lettering below. Thanks.

—P. P., New York

### Answers

The small bronze coin is of the City of Utrecht, Netherlands, and is valued at 25¢.

-C. F., New York

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### Question:

I am enclosing pencil rubbing of a medal, the size of a half dollar and made of silver. It is the only one in existence. My father told me to hold on to it as it was quite valuable. One side has at top, Foster Medal; middle, a building, and bottom, Chicago 1857. The other side has a Latin word on top, name and date issued in middle, and a cluster of flowers on the bottom. The medal has something to do with music as it was given to my father when he worked at Lyon-Healy's Music Company in Chicago, in 1884.

—R. S., California

### Answer:

While there is no question that your medal is rare due to the few in existence, value is also determined by demand. Such a medal is not in great demand, and although rare, would not be worth very much.

—C. F., New York

### Ouestion:

I have read your Coin Quiz and hope you can help me. I found a coin that has me stumped. I have made a pencil rubbing and enclose it. The coin is about the size of a U.S. nickel, of a fairly light weight material, rather gray and about as thick as a dime. It is worn some-what, but lettering and date are plain. On one side is a large tree (maybe oak). On the other side a large 10 in the center, and around the top half are the letters: Offenbachammain and the date is 1917. What kind of a piece is it? Where did it come from? Has it any worth? Also, is a dollar bill I have worth more than face value? It is large, about? "by 3's", Canadian, and on the real content of the content of July 2nd, 1920, and the wording of the seal is Department of Finance, Canada. The signatures are J. C. Saunders, Minister of Finance, and Saunders, Minister of Finance, and the Comptroller of Currency. I be-lieve the name to be S.O.M. Cavour. —W. H. A., Illinois

### Answer:

The coin is a war emergency piece issued by a German State worth about 5¢. The Canadian bill has no premium.

-C. F., New York

### Ouestion:

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-E. M. R. Illinois

### Answer:

You are correct in stating that a 1914 D cent has sold at auction for \$120. However, it must be realized that this specimen was an absolutely perfect, brilliant, uncirculated coin, exactly as it was the day it was coined. 1914 D, in circulated condition, while rare and demanding a good premium, do not sell for this high price.

-C. F., New York

### Ouestion:

I recently became a collector and have obtained an old Dutch coin which has excited my curiosity. I have made a rubbing of the coin which I enclose. The coin was issued by the Dutch northern province of Zeeland and is dated 1607. One dealer thought it contained hieroglyphics of some kind but it obviously has a picture of a walled city surrounded by armed soldiers. The other side contains a representation of three trumpeters. representation of three trumpeters, the inscriptions read (obverse) "Nom Est Coarctata Manus Dni (Dominit)" which, to my meager knowledge of Latin means: "God's hands are not confined (or) tied." (Reverse): "In Castris Cave Ab Domi Re Male" or "Beware of all things evil in the camp" This coil is for the latent of the control of the co camp." This coin is of a dull copper finish. I would appreciate your opinion. —R. G. V., California

### Answer:

Your coin is an historical Jeton. Retails for about 75¢. The rest of your description is correct. -C. F., New York

### Ouestion:

Today a 2-headed Jefferson nickel came to my attention, and I am wondering if you know anything about such a nickel. One side is dated 1941, and the other 1951. The coin looks perfect in every respect. Thickness is correct and I cannot see any solder line. I can't see how it could be a mint error with different dates. The bank says it looks real to them. If you know about this one please let me know the value.

R. R. A., Texas

### Answer:

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tion about it but that someone has cleverly sawed two nickels apart, and "sweated" them together to make a double headed coin. It probably will not ring in this condition, and a fine hairline cut should show on the edge. -C. F., New York

### Question:

I find your articles interesting although I have only a small collec-tion of coins. There is one, quite worn, that I have had for a long time and have not been able to identify. I enclose a rubbing which does not show quite all of the marking. It is a copper coin and an "8" on the left of the big "W" does not come through, It evidently is 182-? Would be glad if you can tell me what it is. I have a U.S. 3-cent piece of 1851. Is this valuable? -Mrs. D. S. Missouri

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### Ouestion:

Hope you can read these rubbings. I'm new at it. What does A.U. mean I'm new at it, what does A.C. hear in a coin book pertaining to 1942 dimes. It says "1942 over 1 rare A.U." Where is this found on the coin if it pertains to the coin?

-Mrs. R. S., Minnesota

### Answer:

The term AU is about uncirculated. The 1942 dime over one looks like 1941, showing a one under and slightly in front of the "2".

Your coins are: Canadian 5¢ piece, valued at 50¢. Austrian Kreutzer, valued at 5¢. 1 pfennig Germany, valued at 5¢. 5 pfennig Germany, 5¢. Canadian 10-piece, 50¢. Belgian 10 centime, 10¢. The badly worn large bronze is a penny of George III, England, but in its poor condition of no rel no

-C. F., New York

### Question:

Could you give me some information about this coin? Or is it a real coin? Enclosed is a rubbing. Here is a description; obverse, date 1371, in center, 5 pointed star; reverse, at top says MAROC, in center 10 francs. -L. V. M., Missouri

### Answer:

Your coin retails for 5¢.

### Ouestion:

Enclosed find tracings for three coins. I would like the following information: Curacao coin, what is its book value? Arabic coin, what is the country? (Center of face of coin is blank; rest is in Arabic). What is the date by our calendar? What is book value of this coin? Venezuela coin, what is the denomination? What does Lei (fineness) ,835 mean? What does Lei (meness), 355 mean? What is book value of these coins for years 1911, 1929, 1936? These are a very small portion of coins my husband sman portion of come my hasband brought home following a tour of duty with the Merchant Marines in World War II. —J. M., Ohto -J. M., Ohto

### Answer:

The book value of the Caracao coin is 20¢. Arabian coin is from Saudi Arabia. Date by our calendar would be 1929 A.D. Not listed but usually retails for around 10¢. Venezuela coin. one bolivar. .885 is the pureness in silver of the coin (low grade) book value 75¢ each,

### Ouestion:

Could this be an ancient bronze coin? Enclosing pencil rubbing.

—Mrs. C. H., Montana

The pencil rubbing is too blurred to tell what the item is but it is not an ancient coin for the Ancients did not make coins that large. It is a medal of some sort.

-C. F., New York

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### Ouestion:

I have an American half-dollar old coin. (Size and sketch here). I would like some information on it, and its value. It has ten stars, either a Liberty or Venus head which is facing left. It has a wreath around the date, 1868, and the denomination on the opposite side.

-P. A. New Mexico

### Answer:

The size and blurred sketch indicates that this is an American gold dollar of the type struck between 1849 and 1854. As such it retails, in very fine condition, at \$15.00.

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### Ouestion:

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—Mrs. H. J., California

### Answer:

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### ALUMINUM

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Aluminum has been used as coinage metal by over fifty different govage metal by over nity different governments, according to Vernon L. Brown, curator of Chase Manhattan Bank's Museum of Moneys. The prominence of aluminum as a modern coinage metal was emphasized in a recent interview between Mr. Brown and Miss Marjorie Silver who conducts a syndicated radio series called "Airmail Personal."

The first official use of aluminum in coinage was a one-tenth penny piece struck for use in Nigeria in 1907, Mr. Brown said in the inter-view which will be distributed in the form of tapes to over one hundred radio stations beginning July 24th. The interview was arranged by The Aluminum Assciation.

Aided by several attractive panels of aluminum coins and notes, Mr. Brown traced the history of aluminum in coinage and numismatics generally, Among the specimens displayed was a one centavo piece is-sued by the state of Durango during the Mexican Revolution in 1914, This,



Aluminum appears in money around the world, according to Vernon L. Brown, curator of the Chase Manhattan Bank's Museum of Moneys. The numismatic authority, shown here with radio interviewer Marjorie Silver, was a recent guest on the syndicated series "Airmail Personal" by arrangement with The Aluminum Association. Displayed on the table are some of the interesting specimens referred to in the discussion. Included are an 1857 U.S. 5-cent aluminum pattern, private institutional coins, the first aluminum coin used in North America and an aluminum foil note used as company scrip. Mr. Brown stated that the light, bright metal has grown in popularity as a coinage metal in the relatively short interval since its discovery.

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he said, is considered the first aluminum coin used in North America. Since those days, however, aluminum coins and tokens have penetrated to such diverse areas as the Arctic Circle and the interior of Africa.

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In addition to coins, Mr. Brown discussed the early appearance of the bright metal in a number of souvenir medals issued at the time of the Columbian Exposition. "These," said, "may have been the very first occasion for many people to own an actual sample of what was then a relatively rare metal."

In the course of the interview he called attention to the striking of patterns in aluminum. To illustrate, he indicated an 1867 pattern for a fivecent piece produced by the United States Mint. This was one of many patterns produced in aluminum in the last century. When asked if alu-minum had ever been used in this country as bona fide money, he com-mented that the "bingle" coins of Alaska might possibly qualify as semi-official coins, at least, The "bin-gles" were a series of eight coins, six of them struck in aluminum, issued under authority of the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation in 1936. These were used by resettled farm families as media of exchange in a colony commissary in the Matanuska Valley of Alaska. They have since become rather rare as collector's items.

Questioned as to his opinion on the prospect of aluminum coinage in the United States, Mr. Brown said it was not likely in the foreseeable future. but that the growing number of American tourists in foreign countries might generate a demand for coins that were light in weight, free from tarnish and verdigris, and which lent themselves readily to an attractive design.

He also stated that there was an excellent supply of aluminum and, in point of fact, the United States was the world's greatest producer of the metal and that this country's percapita use was greater than any other country in the world,

Vernon L. Brown is the author of the articles, "History of United States Coinage" in Encyclopedia Americana and "Money and Coin Collecting" in the Book of Knowledge. He is a former member of the Board of Governors of the American Numismatics Association and immediate past-president of the New York Numismatic

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The second annual convention of the Mechanical Bank Collectors of America was held Saturday, Septem-America was field Saturday, September 19, 1959, at the Edgewood Country Club in Pittsburgh, Pa. The club is scenically located in the Eastern suburban section of Pittsburgh.

The day's program got under way around noon time with a registration around noon time with a registration and social hour. The convention was then called to order and F. L. Ball gave an entertaining talk on his experiences in collecting and dealing in mechanical banks. Naturally, Mr. Ball is well qualified to discuss this subject as he is one of the pioneers in this field. His talk was interesting and enlightening and everyone present enjoyed it. Mr. Ball's talk was followed by another social period and the serving of light sandwiches and refreshments. Mark Haber was the next speaker on the agenda and his talk had to do with mechanical hanks that reflect historical significance. Mr. Haber used his usual thorough pre-cise approach to the subject and his presentation was well received by the members present.

Following Mr. Haber's talk a short business meeting was held and the new by-laws as drawn up by E. T. Richards were distributed to the Richards were distributed to the group. Also several committees were appointed to further the interests of the organization. The afternoon session was then terminated.

It might be well to mention at this point that some of the dealer members brought along some mechanical banks to sell and these were nicely displayed on provided tables. Those bringing banks to sell were Frank L. Ball, David Hollander, and Mark Haber. A high point of this phase of the convention was the purchase of the Darky Fisherman Bank by Mrs. Mary Gerken from Mr. Hollander. A number of mechanical banks were sold by each of the dealer members present and they are to be commended for the quality and variety of the items they had for sale.

The evening session started with a cocktail hour followed by the formal evening banquet. After this the writer, who was the speaker for the evening, gave a talk on English and for-



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Left to right: Darky Fisherman Bank. (Collection of Mrs. Mary Gerken), Wimbledon
Bank, Chinaman In Boat (Collection of E. T. Richards),
Foreground center: Turtle Bank (Collection of F. H. Griffith).

eign made mechanical banks. He then discussed several of the rarticles brought to the convention by their respective owners. These included the Turtle Bank recently acquired by the writer and the Chinama In Boat recently obtained by Mr. Richards. The writer then conducted an open question and answer period. Directly following this the formal evening

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was elected President for the coming year and F. L. Ball was elected Secretary-Treasurer. At the termination of the meeting it was decided that the third annual convention will be held between September 10 and October 10, 1960 in the vicinity of White Plains,

Several points of interest bear mention. There was a nice display of
shooting mechanical banks presented
by the Rhode Island group of mechanical bank collectors, and a number of
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the affair, Mrs. Camedo's late husband, Leon Cameto, was an avid and
a leading collector of mechanical
banks, as well as being a close personal friend of the writer. John Meyer, of course, is one of the pioneer
collectors of mechanical banks.

The writer would like to suggest that seriously interested collectors of mechanical banks contact Mr. Ball or mechanical banks contact Mr. Ball or the writer should they have an interest in or a desire to join the club. Its closing the writer would like to mention the fact that the convention was a very successful affair and all present expressed their approval and enjoyment of the activities.

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This prompted the making of new dies that were copies of the originals, and offering the struck copies for sale. Collectors could at least own a copy of a celebrated rarity. Thomas Wyatt, who lived in New York City, reproduced between 1840 and 1860, copies of the Massachusetts silver coins struck in silver.

coms struck in silver.
They included the NE Shilling, NE
Sixpene, Oak Tree Shilling, Pine
Tree Sixpene, Threepenee, a fabricated Pine Three Penny, an Oak
Tree Twopenee, and a Good Samaritan Shilling. It is understood that only one dozen sets of the above were
struck, so it is understandable that
these copies are rare.

Later one Edwin Bishop, another ardent numismatist acquired Wyatt's dies and struck the above in copper. The quantity of these struck is unknown. The Wyatt copies are astonishingly close to the originals, but minute examination by experts can detect the difference on all but the NE Shilling and Sixpence. These were struck with horizontal lines across the field, non-existent on the originals.

Alfred S. Robinson, 1836-1876, of Hartford, Com., a coin dealer and collector, struck copies of a variety of famous Colonial pieces, easily discernable due to their change in style of lettering. Some were pure fantasy, there being no originals known of the design.

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are always found badly worn and are always found badly worn and poorly struck. 2. The Brasher Dou-bloon, struck in copper and brass, original in gold. Designs are too even and well struck. 3. The Rosa Amer-icana Twopence of 1733. The letter-ing is too large. Head is different ing is too large. Head is different relief, lower than the original. 4. The New England Elephant token. This is struck too sharp, the lettering is too well done. Copies are in copper, brass, and nickel. The original is in copper only. 5. Non Dependens Status 1778 is a purely fictional coin in which there were no originals. 6. Washington Cent of 1789 is another fictional coin with no originals known

William Idler of Philadelphia, a coin dealer and collector, made a very excellent copy of the original Washington Half-dollar of 1792. The word "copy" appeared between the tail and United, but this usually was carefully removed. Copies of this half-dollar were made in silver, nickle, copper, brass, and tin. The original, very rare, was struck in silver only.

There are clever differences between the original and copies. On the reverse the uppermost star on the orig-inal appears between E and T of States, on copy it is directly below E. Dot after America on the genuine is closer to arrow feathers than on the copy. The end of the "2" on the genuine points down, on the copy points up.

Idler's copy of the Baltimore Pen-Idler's copy of the Battimore Centry is determined by the legend. On the obverse it ends in "C" on the genuine, "CT" on the copy.

John Adams Bolen, 1826-1907, of

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Still, in 1940, I personally inspected a set of dies and one dozen struck copies in brilliant, uncirculated condition in the hands of a numismatist. It is therefore my opinion that there could have been more than one set of dies in existence for any of the above struck copies.

The fact that these pieces are struck copies, and not originals, does not seem to have affected their value. There being so few made, they are very rare, and there being no originals available, these struck copies are quite desirable.

For many years, collectors were very frequently duped by purchasing these copies as originals, and by paying high original coin prices. This was very troublesome to early collectors. Today, as these copies are in themselves rare, the chance of being "stuck" is not possible due to the copies' high value.

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The second medal in our possession reads, "George P. Regent" with George's picture on one side. On the back of the medal, it reads, "Welling-

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Question:

Could you furnish me with any information on this coin pencil rubbing? Inscription on one side: Bir-mingham Mining and Copper Company. Around edge: Birmingham Re-Druitt, Swansea, 00J920, Sin. Date 1707, near edge of coin. Other side: Bird, looks like stork or flamingo standing on a cornucopia Inscription, half penny, payable at—. Date possible 1707, 1797.

\_R. C., Virginia

Answer:

The token is one of the many English Tradesman's tokens and its date is 1797. This was the time these were issued. The variety you have were issued. The value of the retails for around \$1.50.

—C. F., New York

Question:

Attached is a pencil rubbing of a coin which I would like to have identified and evaluated. The coin shows considerable wear but it is apparent that when new it varied in thickness, was not a perfect circle, and the rewas not a perfect their, verse stamp was off-center.

—C. D., New York

Answer:

The coin is a silver Denarius of Julius Caesar of ancient Rome. It has considerable wear and is quite off-center, and as such retails for around \$1.50.

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Ouestion:

Please tell me value of these. -R. O. H., Tennessee

Answer:

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Will you please give me the value of the enclosed tracings of this silver coin? I believe it is Spanish. Thanks.

-J. P., Pennsulvania

The coin is an 8 real piece of Ferdinand VII of Spain. It is valued at

-C. F., New York

Question:

Could you please identify and evaluate the following coins? I will attempt to sketch them on the reverse of this paper. The first coin

is silver. On the front of the coin there appears to be a bust of Isa-bella of Spain around which is written "United States of America, 1893," On the reverse, around a kneeling woman holding something in each hand, is written "Board of Lady Managers, Columbian Quarter Dollar." The other coin is also silver. lar." The other coin is also silver, the size of a dime. Around the face of Queen Victoria there is written "Victoria Dei Gratia Regina, Canada." On the other side there are two letters, HM, woven in each other. Around the letters there is a circle. Between the circle and the edge of the coin appear intricate designs. The coin bears no date or money value. The coin is in fine condition and the writing is very clear.

—G. R., Canada

Answer: The first coin a Columbian Isa-

bella quarter, if in brand new condition, retails for \$29.50, retails for half of that amount if it is worn. The Canadian ten cent piece with

initials engraved on the reverse is of little or no value.

\_C. F., New York

Question:

I would like for you to identify the following coins and give me their approximate value. 1. A 2 sen piece, no date. Am enclosing a pencil rubbing. Could you tell me when it was coined? 2. Canadian coin, obverse shows a man on horseback slaying a dragon. Bank of Upper Canada. Date 1854. Reverse has Bank Token, onehalf penny, a crown, and what appears to be a coat of arms 3. A German Thaler, dated 1793, with words "ein thaler" below the date. Fine condition. 4. A silver coin, slightly smaller than a dime with the bust of a man on the obverse, with the words Ferdin VII, Dei Gratia, date 1810. Reverse has a coat of arms and the words Hispan. Bt. Ind. R.M.H.I. 5. 1892 dime. Obverse is regular Morgan type but reverse has a fancy engraved monogram similar to the following drawing. Have tried to make a pencil rubbing of it but was not very successful. 6. Large English penny, 1892. Fine condition. H. W. P., Illinois

Answer:

The copper two sen piece of Japan is valued at 10¢. The Canadian bank token 25¢; the German thaler of 1793, \$2.50. The Spanish real of 1810, 50¢, if in fine condition. The 1892 dime that has someone's initials engraved on reverse is of silver, value only about 3¢. The English penny of 1892, 5c.

-C. F., New York

Question:

Please identify the fellowing coins (picture enclosed). -J. S. W., California

Answer:

The 1791 coin is a Sou of Louis XVI of France retailing at 25¢. The

1744 coin is an early German cop-per piece, but I cannot read the legends on your sketch. Such coins, howends on your seldom sell for more than 25¢. The one with the globe is from Brazil and sells for 10c. The last one with three towers is possibly from the city of Hamburg as they use this design, value about  $10\phi$ .

-C. F., New York

Question:

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—C. F., New York

Question:

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Answer: Your 1,000 marks is only worth 5c. —C. F., New York

Question: I am sending you pencil rubbing of 4 foreign coins. Can you tell me what countries they are from and about how much they are worth? I have also a United States 50¢ piece dated 1823. This piece is exactly like the one in the catalog but made of copper, fine condition.

-J. H., Colorado

\_A .M. B., Ohio

Answer:

There is no value to the Austrian token or the copy of a shekel. The one schilling Hamburg is worth 5¢ and the silver Austrian piece about

I would have to see the U.S. 50¢ in copper to tell you what it is, however, I suspect that it is counter-

-C. F., New York

Question:

I have an 1839 half dollar, Can you tell me what it is worth? -Mrs. A. J. D., Illinois

Answer:

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### **OLD MECHANICAL**

BANKS Conducted by F. H. GRIFFITH

### RECLINING CHINAMAN BANK

By F. H. GRIFFITH

A mechanical bank that is another anti-chinese item is our choice as No. 79 in the numerical classification of mechanical banks. This is the Reclining Chinaman that the control of the co

man In Boat (HOBBIES, May, 1955), and please refer on this active for coverage on the reasons for anti-Chinese feeling that existed in the period. The second mechanical bank with the same theme was Shoot That Hat Bank (HOBBIES, November, 1957).

The Reclining Chinaman was patented by James H. Bowen of Philadelphia, Pa., August 8, 1882, and manufactured by the J. & E. Stevens Company of Cronwell, Comn. In this case the patent papers covering the bank are of particular interest since they also apply to the Frog Bank and a particular interest since they also apply to the Frog Bank and a pricture the Frog Bank However, the Reclining Chinaman and the Frog Bank However, the Reclining Chinaman and the Frog Bank however, the Reclining Chinaman and the Frog Bank however, the same type operating mechanism and this is the salient feature covered in the patent. The following quote from the papers bears out the fact of the original intent of



the patent being used to cover more than one type mechanical bank. "The savings bank herein described may be made in the image of living beings of any kind and character or of any other desired shape." Also covered is the fact that the coin receiving arrangement may be in a different form or shape. In any event, it is a little unusual to have two different mechanical banks covered by the same natent maners.

covered by the same patent papers.

The bank shown is in fine original condition and was added to the writer's collection some years ago through the good help of a New England antique dealer. The paint is in an unusually nice state of preservation. The log is a reddish brown and the mouse coming out of the end of this log is grey with beady black eyes. The (Continued on page 38)



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### RECLINING CHINAMAN BANK (Continued from page 36)

Chinaman has a dark purple smock, blue trousers, white socks, and black shoes with white soles. The arms, hands, and face of the Chinaman are flesh color and he has black hair with a long black queue. The drapery effect on which his head rests is blue with yellow fringe. effect on which his head rests is blue with yellow fringe. In his right hand are five playing cards with reddish brown backs. From the front, when exposed, only four cards show. These are the respective aces and they have white backgrounds with the spade and club in black and the diamond and heart in red.

To operate the bank a coin is placed in the pocket section of the Chinaman's smock, then a lever located

in the right end of the log is depressed. Simultaneously in the right end of the log is depressed. Simultaneously the left arm raises the left hand to the face as the right arm moves forward exposing the hand of cards. The hands are made to be movable and they fall into their respective positions very realistically. As the action takes place the coin automatically drops through the pocket into the bank.

As an anti-Chinese item the object lesson behind the above mentioned action simply was the fact that the Chinaman holds all the aces and couldn't lose. As previously mentioned, it is a very attractive bank with realistic action and makes a nice addition to a collection.

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In the early part of the century there was in St. Marks, Venice, a collection of ancient automatic dolls which depicted the birth of the

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Christ-child. An angel blowing a trumpet marched in front of a Madonna, passing on to make way for the Three Wise Men of the East, followed in turn by three Moorish monarchs. They all paused in front of the Virgin and bowed low before they disappeared,

We think of the talking machine as a comparatively recent invention, as a comparatively recent invention, However, as far back as the Middle Ages Albert the Great, Bishop of Ratisbon, constructed a doll's head that actually talked.

Sad to relate, one of his disciples smashed it to pieces, confident that witchcraft accompanied it. Albert, of course, was heartbroken that the work of 30 years should be destroyed in one minute.

In the early part of the present century, F. H. Holmes in Cassell's Magazine wrote an interesting arti-cle on mechanical dolls. In it he described dolls that lie on their backs and kick, throw up their arms, and call for Mamma and Papa.

At about the same time the following appeared in a London newspaper:

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HIGHEST PRICE OF AUCTION IS \$202 FOR SCARCE \$50 GOLD SLUG ISSUED IN 1851 (\$950 to \$2750). BRITISH RARITIES SOLD

Five Guinea and Five Sovereign prices range up to \$76 (\$150 to \$3,000).

### Colonial Issues Offered.

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The highest price paid was \$202.50 for a fine specimen of the scarce \$50 slug issued in 1851 by Augustus Humbert, the United States assayer of gold in California. Another choice early coin was a Mormon Quarter Eagle of 1849 with the clasped hands on the reverse which sold for \$83

on the reverse when the control of (\$185-\$400).

The sale contained a larger number than usual of proof specimens of United States gold from the various mints. For the \$20 gold pieces

ious mints. For the \$20 gold pieces from Carson City mint \$41,50 was paid for the 1893 issue (\$85-\$150), \$40,50 for 1885 (\$80-\$185), \$40,50 for 1885 (\$80-\$185), \$20,50 for 1885 (\$80-\$145), \$20,50 for 1885 (\$80-\$145), \$20,50 for 1895 (\$80-\$145), \$20,50 fo (\$90).

Three old Half Cents in excellent condition brought good prices, \$52 being paid for the 1793 and 1794 dates (\$115-\$250) (\$40-\$100), while another variety of the 1793 date sold for \$36 (\$115-\$250).

Among the foreign coins was an Among the foreign comes was an exceptionally large number of early English coins, the majority being of the Five Guinea and Five Sovereign values. A proof of a Queen Victoria Five Sovereign piece of 1839 sold for \$76 (\$600-\$900) and a Five Sovereign coin of George IV, 1826, sold for

eign coin of George IV, 1826, soid for \$75 (\$375) and Gold Sovereign of Queen Mary, known in history as "Bloody Mary," 1553 sold for \$65 \$400). The Guita price was paid for \$6400). The Guita price was paid for \$1, 1671, (\$200-\$250).

11, 1671, (\$200-\$250).

Among some choice Colonial issues
a Massachusetts Pine Tree Shilling
of 1652 sold for \$10.50 (\$75-\$810)
and an Oak Tree Threepence of the
same year sold for \$12.50 (\$75-\$90).
A fine specimen of the rare Annapolis Chalmers Shilling 1783 sold for \$12.75 (\$60-\$100).

That's the way it goes. Coins continue to skyrocket. At the minute the most popular item is the speculative dealing in uncirculated rolls of coins. There seems no end to how

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the 6¢ value in sheets. The only stamp in the Columbian set which had a premium was the \$1 value, which in 1897 sold at \$3 per mint copy. But even that stamp had not escaped the speculators. When it was first issued, a group of spec-ulators cornered the \$1 value until \$8 was asked for a good mint copy Then in 1897 the price slumped for some reason to \$3 a copy. Originally, 55,000 of the \$1 denomination were

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So rampant was the "get-rich-quick" scheme that one philatelic writer of that time ruefully remarked, "Too many people speculated on the Columbian stamps to let anyone make

An unforeseen benefit developed for one segment of the stamp-using public from this speculation. Securities brokers used the high values in large quantities to send shipments of stocks and bonds abroad. Instead of purchasing stamps at face value to mail their shipments, brokers would buy them at 10 to 25 per cent discount from stamp dealers.

There are probably undiscovered lots of Columbian stamps that have been put away by speculators who been put away by speculators who forgot about them. Such holdings would indeed be philatelic prizes to stagger the imagination. Now and then one hears of such finds coming to light.

One is inclined to feel that the speculator's loss on the Columbian issue benefited philately as a whole. Why? Undoubtedly, many persons learned a bitter lesson through substantial losses on these stamps, and thereafter confined their speculations to other commodities. Philately was left to the collector and legitimate dealer. Today there are many (including this writwho see investment possibilities in the selective purchase of postal issues. But it is likely that we shall never again witness the hectic, reckless speculation that was demonstrated with the Columbian issues.

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### Answer:

I am not positive but I believe the U.S. started a mint set service after World War II. These sets are available from January through March for the previous year. It is now too late to get year sets from the mint for 1958.

Proof sets for 1959 are obtainable from the Treasurer of the United States, Philadelphia, Pa. The price is \$2.10 per set and they are sold in units of one, two, five, 10, 25, 100 sets. Send a money order, certified check, or cashier's check. Personal checks not accepted. Do not be impatient as it takes several months to process the orders.

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—Mrs. E. H. S., New Hampshire

### Answer:

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tail for from \$1.00 to \$1.50 each.

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### Ouestion:

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### Answer:

The last record for 1959 proof sets was 875,652.

I could not tell you the value of the dollar you have without seeing it. There is a rumor that there is one 1913 Liberty Head nickel unaccounted for.

-C. F., New York

### Question:

Please tell me what kind of a coin I have. On both sides it has the design of a twenty-dollar gold piece. But it has no date nor the inscription twenty-dollars, nor United States of America on it. Instead, on the obverse, where the date should be, is the inscription "Compos Spiel-Mun-ze," and on the reverse "Compos-Spiel-Marke. When was it made and what is its value?

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### Answer:

You have a brass copy of \$20 Gold piece formerly used as a gambling

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### Ouestion:

Please give me the buying and selling value of this list of old coins, 1, A gold 2½D, date 1852, 2. An Indian Head cent, 1870, 3. An Indian Head cent, 1885, 4. A Liberty Head nickel, 1885, 5. An Indian Head & Cal. Gold, date 1880. Rubbings endered closed.

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### Answer:

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### Question:

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-D. L., New Mexico

### Answer:

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### Question:

I have a one cent 1838 coin. The cent is spelled CLNT. I have examined this coin under a microscope and am unable to determine if it has been tampered with or if it is actually a misprint.

-N. L. V., Massachusetts

### Answer:

Your one cent piece has been tampered with and therefore of no value. -C. F., New York

### Question:

Am inclosing a paper with two pencil rubbings of a hard bronze molded coin and will thank you to please identify it as to age and value. -H. L., Minnesota

### Answer:

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### Question:

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